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# Mom's Day Plans Shaped

Twelve proud and happy GIs will greet their mothers as Fort Benning plays host to them on Mother's Day, May 14, according to plans now being formulated. It was announced today by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, commanding general of the Post.

From all over the country the mothers will come, all expenses paid, to visit their sons and to see how they live, how they train, what they do for recreation, here at Fort Benning.

**SAME AS 1943**

According to present plans, the GIs whose mothers will be invited as guests of the post will be allocated as in former years—four to the Service Command troops; five to the Infantry School; two to the Parachute School and one to Lawson Field. One from the Service Command forces and one from the Infantry School will be colored.

Exact method of selecting the lucky soldiers whose mothers are to be invited has not yet been worked out. Last year it was done through drawing of lots, with alternates being selected as well.

Plans for entertaining the mothers include conducted tours of the post to witness the troops at actual training, and as a climax, a Mother's Day program on May 14 in Doughboy Stadium.

**CHAPLAIN IN CHARGE**

Lt. Col. John W. Westerman, chief of chaplains at Fort Benning, will be in charge of plans and arrangements for the visit of the mothers and for the Mother's Day Program. Chaplains and special service officers in the various units will act as hosts on the arrival of the mothers.



**BOOTS**, mascot of The Parachute School WAC Detachment, sits for her portrait on the desk of Tec 5 Julia Soos, the detachment's supply clerk. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

## 'Chute WACs Too Busy To Take Break For Fun

By PFC. LOUISE WILIE

Since The Parachute School announced that its first WAC had arrived to take training as riggers, the rest of Fort Benning has been watching for WACs wearing the familiar red and white airborne patch.

Very few of them ever appeared in Columbus or on the Main Post, and the curious started asking, "Whatever became of those parachute WACs?"

The answer is that for six days and three nights a week, the girls are up to their ears in the hard work they've ever tackled. They haven't been to Columbus since the day they arrived, and they seldom have time to get from Lawson Field, where they're quartered, to the Main Post to see a movie.

**RIGGING TOUGH**

The 12 WACs now in the fourth week of the five-week riggers course are finding out that rigging is tough. They're learning the hard way that anyone who works with parachutes—troopers who jump them or WACs who pack them—have to be rugged to survive their training and the work they'll have to do.

The WACs are being sent through the Parachute School riggers division with a regular class, and have to keep pace with the men. But they are slower—because they're more meticulous and are not as strong—so they are getting extra instruction and practice for three hours a night, three nights a week, to keep them up with the schedule of the rest of the class.

**REPLACE MEN**

They are being taught the packing and maintenance of parachutes—how to inspect, rebuild, repair and generally maintain all equipment. Those who complete the course successfully will replace men—all trained jumpers—qualified for combat in the

## Catholics Slate Pontifical Mass For Mother's Day

A military pontifical mass will be celebrated for Catholic personnel at Fort Benning on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. It was announced this week by Chaplain William H. Hunt, senior Catholic chaplain on the post.

The mass will be celebrated in Doughboy Stadium, with Bishop Gerald P. O'Hara, Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta, officiating. All Catholic personnel are invited to attend this special Mass and to receive communion on Mother's Day. Chaplain Hunt announced. Plans are being worked out for transportation of personnel from distant parts of the Post.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered following the Mass, and classes now are being conducted for those who have not been confirmed. Music for the mass will be by the Monastery Choir from Holy Trinity, Alabama.

## Gen McNair Visits Benning

Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, visited Fort Benning last week for the first time this year. Accompanied by members of his staff, he arrived at Lawson Field for an inspection of the Parachute School and units of the 2nd Army stationed at the post. On the following day, he attended lectures and demonstrations in connection with the three day conference on Infantry, Artillery and Tank cooperation held at The Infantry School under the supervision of Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, Commandant.

Included in his party were Maj. Gen. A. W. Waldron, Chief of the Ground Requirements Section of the Army Ground Forces; Brig. Gen. L. M. Haynes of the Office of Supply; Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan of the Plans and Training Office; Colonels W. E. Mitchell, L. G. Clarke, Frank Ward, A. E. Denniston and R. W. Daniels, and Lieutenant Colonel B. V. Barnes, Lt. Col. E. Bacon, C. S. Witters and H. H. Rodecker.

**WELCOMING PARTY**

They were welcomed at Lawson Field by General Bonesteel, Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gathier, Commandant of the Parachute School; Col. Harold E. Potter, Executive Officer of the Infantry School; and Lt. Col. Walter H. Frick, Commanding Officer of the 4th Headquarters, Special Troops, 2nd Army.

In addition to General McNair, eight major generals and 52 brigadier generals attended the three-day conference which was prepared at the direction of General McNair by the Infantry School, The Armored Center, and The Field Artillery School.

His inspection of the Parachute School and 2nd Army units took place on the afternoon of his arrival.

At the Parachute School General McNair and his party were received by Brigadier General Ridgely Gathier, TFS commandant, who entertained them at luncheon at the Officers' Mess.

The party then went to the Alabama area, crossing the Chattahoochee in amphibious jeeps. At the jump field three C-47s soared over at tree-top level and then climbed to 600 feet, rapidly spilling from that altitude 36 paratroopers fully equipped for combat. The troopers landed in tear gas and were forced to don their gas-masks, at the same time preparing for movement and action.

**GENERAL IMPRESSED**

General McNair expressed himself as pleased and impressed with the speed and efficiency with which the men divested themselves of their harness and prepared for action under simulated battle conditions.

The party also witnessed a demonstration of advanced training in parachute field artillery, and another in "C" shape training at the parachute towers.

The visiting officers were then conducted on a tour of inspection of Second Army troops, including Headquarters Detachment of the Special Troops on the Main Post and those stationed in the Sand Hill and Harmony Church areas by Lt. Col. Walter H. Frick, commanding officer, Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army.

## Post Police Radio Now In Operation

Fort Benning's own police radio station—W2XA—was placed in operation Saturday by Maj. W. D. Deal, post provost marshal, with the assignment of call letters by the Federal Communications Commission.

With the main transmitter located at MP headquarters on the main post, the two-way radio system gives Fort Benning the latest in police radio equipment. Two-way sets are installed in four caryalls that patrol the post constantly. Three of the patrol cars operate on the main post and one in the Harmony Church area. Sending and receiving sets also are installed in the two staff cars used by Major Deal and the assistant provost marshals.



## Pin-Up Favorite And Brother Bill

One of the nation's reigning pin-up favorites is luscious Doris Merrick, sister of the 176th Infantry's Pvt. Bill Simpson. She's also a featured performer in the movie, "Pin-Up Girl," which plays the Main Theater on Sunday and Monday. The pose of his sister above is the choicest one in a marvelous collection, which Bill Simpson possesses, and he gladly offered to share its rare appeal with *Bayonet* readers. Says Bill: "The sincerest best wishes are for all the lads at the post. And are we happy to get them? Yeah, man! In the scene to your left, the 'Spirit' soldier shows off an armful of his choicest pin-up shots, all autographed by top stars of cinemaland, many of whom he knows personally. Doris, naturally, occupies the top spot in the armful. And down below, you'll see another picture of Doris Merrick that Bill gladly loaned to the *Bayonet*. It is ample proof that his sister is also one of Hollywood's rarest beauties. We know you're hoping she'll come to see us soon."



## 176th GI's Film Star Sister In 'Pin-Up Girl'

BY SGT. CARL NEU

Pin-up favorite of a million G. I.'s as well as her own brother who is stationed here at Fort Benning, blonde, lovely Doris Merrick will be featured in the bubble-bath scene of the film version of "Pin-Up Girl" which is scheduled for the Main Theater this Sunday and Monday. It will tour other theaters on the post during the ensuing week.

Justly proud of his beautiful sister and her recent film success is Pvt. Bill Simpson, a member of Co. D, 176th Infantry of the Infantry School Troops Brigade, who has been in films now for over 18 months. Bill's been in the *Spirit* regiment since last September and needless to say he's a mighty popular fellow. When he starts spinning tales of his film-famous sister and her Hollywood doings, the lads are hooked.

In all, she has appeared in some 14 films including "Springtime in the Rockies," "Time to Kill," in which she shared the romantic lead with Lloyd Nolan, "The Hard Way," "Heaven Can Wait," with Don Ameche and Gene Tierney, "Meanest Man in the World," with Jack Benny, and her latest, "Pin-Up Girl." Right now, she's busy with *Pin-Up Girl* on a new comedy with Laurel and Hardy.

**BROTHER KILLED**

As proud as Bill is of Doris, his chest swells even more when he But, as you're probably guessed, See *PIN-UP GIRL*, Page 7

## 4th Infantry Unit To Get FDR Citation On Sunday

Official ceremonies Sunday will mark the presentation of the War Department Presidential Citation to Company A, Fourth Infantry of the Infantry School, for exceptional bravery and courage in combat against the Japs at Attu. This Citation, presented to units only, is the equivalent of the Distinguished Service Cross, which is presented for individual bravery in action.

The Presidential award is specifically made to units which have distinguished themselves in battle by extraordinary heroism and have set themselves apart from other units engaged in the same operation. The mere performance of duty in carrying out an assigned mission under the ordinary hazards of battle does not justify this award. The performance of the unit must be exceptional and under extremely difficult conditions, and the part played by Company A in the Alaskan action more than merited the citation. In addition to the unit citation, many men of the company have won honors on the field of battle in the form of individual decorations, among those, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart.

Company A will in reality receive two decorations. A battle streamer, made of blue silk with the letters ATTU embroidered in white in the center, will be mounted on the company guidon, and each man in the company will receive the Distinguished Unit Badge. The individual badge is a rectangular blue ribbon mounted in a frame of gold laurel wreaths and is worn on the right side of the uniform, rather than on the left side, where other decorations are customarily worn.

All men of the company who fought at the action in Alaska will wear the badge, regardless of the fact that they may be serving in other units at the present. Also,

**CITATION QUOTED**

According to the words of the citation, Company A was cited "for courage, endurance and stubborn determination in attacking the precipitous peaks on Fishhook Ridge overlooking Chichagoff Valley. Positions of the Japs on these heights dominated the terrain of the American troops. Approaches permitted only single file advance.

Through determined, coordinated and continuous action on the part of the entire company, capture of strategic points was accomplished, allowing the advance

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**ACQUISK MAX, FAMOUS PARAPUP—NOW IT'S MAXINE, PARAKITTY.** Down from the skies comes Tabby, the jumping kitten, dangling from her kitty-chute, in the Alabama area of the Parachute School at Fort Benning. She's Maxine, landing behind the lines of enemy rat. Seems to be enjoying it, doesn't she? However, the 'chute school says no use of parakitties is contemplated in future operations abroad. (U. S. Army Air Forces Photo.)

## Retiring Sergeant Never Missed Day in 30 Years

After 30 years in the Army without missing a single day's duty, M. Sgt. Arthur Delphia of Hq. Co., 1st Bn., Third Infantry of The Infantry School, will retire next month to "spend the rest of the duration contributing to the war effort in a defense plant."

"Frankly admitting that 'civilian life is going to feel mighty strange after a lifetime in the Army,' Sgt. Delphia will head for his home in Palmer, Mass., with the single reservation that he may re-enlist if civilian life doesn't turn out to be all that the selectees say it is."

Sgt. Delphia, who now wears six service ribbons, first enlisted in the Army in New York City in 1914, and was immediately shipped to the Philippines where he served two years with the 8th Cavalry regiment. In 1916 he returned to the United States, and until declaration of war in 1917 he was stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

### WENT TO FRANCE

Transferred to the 1st Division, Sgt. Delphia went to France with the first ammunition train, and saw action at St. Mihiel, Verdun, Sedan, Toul sector, Picardy (Cantigny), Soissons, and Nancy. Immediately after the Armistice moved into Germany with the Army of Occupation.

The highpoint in Sgt. Delphia's military career came when he was selected in 1919 for the John J. Pershing's Composite Regiment. Describing the regiment in his own words, Sgt. Delphia said, "No man varied more than two inches in height, and

when we marched our rifles were just as straight as a die. We drilled every day from dawn until evening. Every turn and every movement had to be perfect, and believe me, they were before they got through with us."

### COACHES WINNER

Returning to the United States in 1919, Sgt. Delphia was discharged, but re-enlisted in the cavalry, and again was assigned to Ft. Bliss, where he remained until 1927. From then until 1935 he was stationed at Ft. Slocum, New York, in recruiting service. While at Slocum, Delphia managed the post basketball team, and served as coach of the team which won the Harbor League championship three years in a row.

After an assignment at Plattsburgh, N. Y., Sgt. Delphia went to Panama in 1941 with the 33rd Infantry, and then moved on to Trinidad, B. W. I., a year later. In 1943 he joined the 3rd Infantry.

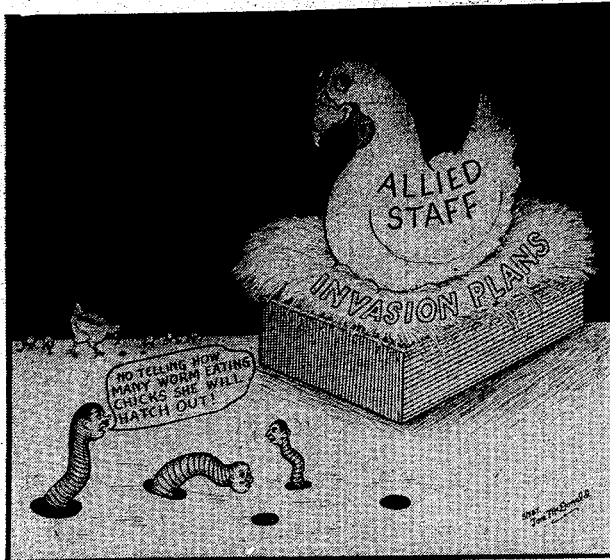
### Woman's Club

LIVIE MARSHALL CHASE

On Monday afternoon at the Officers' Club, members of the Current Events section of the Fort Benning Women's Club were addressed by Major Conrad V. Anderson who told of his experiences in the Tunisian Campaign. Major Anderson, 26-year-old holder of three of the highest decorations this country can bestow on its heroes, is newly assigned to the Tactical Section of the Infantry School. For his exploits during the Tunisian Campaign, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Soldier's Medal, and the Purple Heart.

In an intimate and personal portrayal of the "individual G. I.," how he fights, and what he thinks, Major Anderson gave a picture of a young man's reaction to the war—his ideas and ideals. In battle, he said, the prayer was not, so much, to win the battle, as to win over oneself—to conquer the fear of being afraid, the dread of not giving a good account of oneself. The ideal to be fought for was, at the war's end, home and family, and the American way of life.

Major Anderson stressed the importance of developing leadership, and paid tribute to the American soldier's reaction to dis-



## Woman Red Cross Worker Added to Staff

A new assistant field director whose primary duty will be to help WAC officer and enlisted personnel with their problems has joined the staff of the Fort Benning branch of the American Red Cross. Murray E. Hill, field director announced today. The new member is Miss Ruth Hardin of Charlotte, N. C.

The addition of a woman staff member is an innovation in Red Cross procedure at its branches for the able-bodied military personnel. Mr. Hill said. Heretofore, the able-bodied stations have been manned entirely by male personnel while women directors worked only at military hospitals.

"Miss Hardin is one of a class of 17 young women recently trained at Red Cross national headquarters and sent out to larger military posts throughout the country as assistant field directors," Mr. Hill said. "They will perform the same duties as the other assistant directors at their respective posts, but in addition they will also be responsible for handling relations with WAC personnel."

### TO SERVE WACS

The field director explained that the Red Cross felt that women soldiers would feel more at ease in making use of Red Cross services if they could deal with a member of their own sex. For that reason, the organization has added the 17 young women at branches which serve posts with large WAC complements.

"In the past, the Fort Benning branch has had relatively few requests from WAC personnel," he added. "We have felt that this was due largely to two things: first, that they did not care to discuss their problems with men, and second, that many WACs don't realize that they are entitled to

## Baker Village

### SPRING MAY DAY FESTIVAL

The Spring May Day festival will be held Monday evening, May 1 at 7:15 (EWT) on the athletic field at Baker Village. Plans are completed and rehearsals show that the boys and girls participating in the event are ready to put on what is hoped to be a very pretty event of the year.

Programs of the completed plans will be sent out to the community during the week showing the various events to take place. The public is invited to attend and we hope that many will find it possible to enjoy a most worthwhile activity.

Mrs. Frances B. Lutz, 2-3381.

### WAR COST TO REACH

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NEW YORK, N. Y.—(ALNS)—According to the Tax Institute, a research organization, the cost of the war to nations on both sides will have reached 900 billions of dollars by the end of 1944. This estimate is based on such data as is available from both Allied and Axis nations.

### LABOR WILL NOT ORGANIZE POSTS

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(ALNS)—In the syndicated column, "Broadway," the writer, Danton Walker, states that the AFL and the CIO will not back existing veterans' organizations, such as The American Legion, by setting up their own after-the-war organization, but will urge their membership to join the organizations so as to give labor a voice among the organized veterans.

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## OC Loves All Of 14 Years Of Army Life

Not all the old "top kicks" of the Regular Army are losing their pride and patience training civilian rookies in the art and science of soldiering. Representing the men who have made a career of soldiering and actually loved every long year of it, Candidate C. E. Elrod, of the 14th Company of The Infantry School's Third Student Training Regiment, is now engaged in adding OCS to his varied assignments. He has held in his 14 years of Army life, grilles and pleasures.

Although as full of tall tales as are all Regular Army men, Candidate Elrod's first and proudest boast is that he has been an infantryman from the very start of his service. He enlisted upon turning 18 at Little Rock, Ark., October 16, 1930, requesting and receiving infantry duty in the Hawaiian Department.

In 1934, he was transferred to the Fourth Infantry, then stationed at Fort George Riley, Spokane, Wash. While there he won the right to join the Infantry Rifle team; and, in 1940, the first year that the M-1 rifle was used in competitive firing, he placed eighth in the President's Hundred in the National Rifle Championships.

Since 1940, Elrod has served with the 9th and 192nd Infantry in Texas. For a short period he was assigned to ROTC duty, coaching an El Paso high school rifle team to third place in the National Interscholastic Firing Championships. Then he returned to troop duty at Camp Maxey, Tex., serving as battalion sergeant-major and regimental sergeant-major and, after receiving appointment as warrant officer, junior grade, as an assistant adjutant.

Just prior to coming to Fort Benning he attended the advanced officer course in Army administration at the Adjutant-General's School, Fort Washington, Md. His enthusiasm for the Infantry School is unabashed. "It's the epitome of a real army," he asserts. Yet it is far from the climax of his Army experiences. Only 32, he looks forward to many more years of service.

aster—his ability to uncomplainingly "take it." He pointed out the difficulty of keeping up morale while fighting in foreign places, where the homeland was not actually endangered. He cited instances of gallantry that would go publicly unnoticed, and expressed the hope that the thousands of heroes, without medals, who gave so much toward battle's successful ending, would not be forgotten.



## Prof War Vet Served as Human Target for Japs

Five or six times a day, during the fierce fighting for Gona Point on New Guinea, it was Pvt. Noble Deavers' job as a scout to stand up and draw the Jap fire to that his platoon could locate the enemy snipers and machine-guns. Except for getting his ears burned, he always managed to flatten out, unharmed and ready to crawl forward to another spot where he'd start all over.

But once at Buna—when he stood up to draw anybody's fire—he stood up to make a dash for a coconut tree and then he got it. A dum-dum bullet in each leg. When he crawled back to his buddies and finally was evacuated, he went out of action for the first time in two months. But Deavers says, "I got enough Japs to make up for my wounds." He estimates that he counted for at least 25 Japs—just the 25 that he knows are definitely dead.

### TOUGH SCOUT SCHOOL

From the very first day that he landed in Australia, he was in the thick of it. With a platoon of 200 men, Deavers had heavy combat work cut out for him. He was picked to attend a special scout school. He spent three months learning how to lead patrols and companies to the enemy without the enemy knowing about it in advance. Right after he got his diploma for map-reading and compass work he was picked to attend another "scout school" course in Commando School.

"It was kinda rough," Deavers admits. "No holds were barred in our training—we really slugged it out when we practiced capturing command posts and knocking out sentries." Except for a sprained ankle, though, Deavers wound up the course in good shape eager to get close enough to Japs to beat him at his own game—jungle.

He was with the first Infantry troops to land on New Guinea, just seven miles behind the engineers who had contacted the Japs in "Death Valley." From his first moment of action—which at first

sounded like a big Fourth of July—Deavers pulled his human target. Everytime he stood up he drew a volley of bullets, and then when it quieted down he'd crawl to a new spot and invite more trouble. The bullets came close enough to singe his ears, but the 200 Japs who shot down out of the trees by his company that day more than paid for his discomfort.

At Buna Mission he finally got his own say about shooting the enemy. He came upon a group of five Japs about 40 yards ahead. "I had to fire my M1 as fast as an automatic," Deavers says, "but I got all five of them. Just six bullets. When we advanced I verified the fact that they were all dead—from then on I felt much better."

### CATCH JAPS NAPPING

His next assignment was to go out on patrol with a platoon that had the good fortune to stumble upon a whole village of Japs who were totally unprepared for attack. With a tommy-gun he personally accounted for 20 Japs and other men in the platoon had just as good hunting that day, Deavers claims.

When they moved on to Buna there was no need for his standing up to draw fire, so Deavers stayed in the ranks as a rifleman. His squad got pinned down by tommy-gun and Deavers was ordered to crawl up and toss a grenade into the nest. He was creeping through a swamp when he decided that the bullets were coming closer and that he'd better make a dash for it. He was brought down after going only a few feet.

"I lay still for a while," he recalled, "and then I crawled back to one of my buddies to get some sulfa-powder and some cold coffee and went back for the medical." Deavers was married as soon as he got back to the states, and his wife now resides in Gaylesville, Ala.

At present he is a member of a heavy weapons demonstration crew in the Weapons Section of the Infantry School. His company mates expect that any day he'll be getting the Purple Heart from Washington.

### AIR-BORNE COMMANDOS

How Allied troops were landed 150 miles behind Jap lines in the very center of enemy-occupied Burma is revealed in YANK this week by an eyewitness account of the action. Sgt. Ed Cunningham, YANK staff correspondent, accompanied Col. Phil Cochran's master and transport flyers as they "out-bucked" Buck Rogers in one of the most daring airborne attacks of the war. Packed full of surprising revelations, the article is featured in YANK's May 5 issue, on sale at the PX Friday, Apr. 26.

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**NATIONAL CHAMPS.** Here is the University of Idaho rifle team which, after establishing scores which brought the William Randolph Hearst Trophy to their college in the National ROTC Rifle Competition, arrived intact in the Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School to seek commissions as second lieutenants of infantry. In the photograph, from left to right, are: Candidates Earl Cere, 22nd Company; Herman M. Johnson, 13th Company; Clyde E. Littlefield, 22nd Company; Donald E. Grey, 14th Company; and Robert O'Connor, 22nd Company. The team brought the Hearst Trophy to the school for the first time in University of Idaho history. The five candidates fired for the tournament record some time ago and while they were aware of the fact they had won the Ninth Service Command title, they did not know until the past week-end that they had copped the national championship. (Shavetail Photo.)



## Murray Hill Is New Red Cross Field Director

Murray E. Hill, of Nashville, Tenn., the youngest Y. M. C. A. secretary to serve with the armed forces in the first World War, has been named field director of the Fort Benning branch of the American Red Cross; it was announced today.

Mr. Hill, member of a prominent Nashville family, succeeds Ralph Mitchell, field director of the post for the past year. Mr. Mitchell recently was accepted for service with the U. S. Navy and expects to be called to active duty soon.

The new field director comes here from 18 months of service in the capacity of Northern Area Field at Tullahoma, Tenn. He re-entered the Red Cross special training course at Red Cross Headquarters in Washington, before going to Northern Field, where he served as an assistant field director, and then to the Fort Benning, Tenn.

### NEWSPAPER BROKER

In civilian life Mr. Hill is a well known broker of hotels and daily newspapers. His firm, Murray E. Hill and Associates, arranged the sale, transfer and purchase of scores of hotels and newspapers throughout the country. The new field director's father, Albert E. Hill, was widely known throughout the south as the long-time publisher of the Nashville Labor Advocate. His mother, Mabel Jane Hill, today is Democratic National Committee woman from Tennessee. Mr. Hill, who is 46 years old, is married and the father of a 10-year-old son, Mrs. Hill and her son will join him in June.

### WORLD WAR I SERVICE

When the first World War broke out, Mr. Hill, then just out of high school, joined the Y. M. C. A. staff and spent two and a half years looking after the needs of soldiers and sailors in training camps, on troop trains and at ports of embarkation. At the end of the war, he was assistant to the Y. M. C. A. secretary at Newport News, Va., Port of Debarcation.

Before joining the Red Cross two years ago, the new field director was prominent in civic affairs in Nashville. At various times he was a board member of the Boy Scouts, the Boys Work Council, the Davidson County Welfare Association, the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, the Community Chest and many other civic organizations.

## McDermott New Catholic Chaplain At Lawson Field

Chaplain James P. McDermott has arrived at Lawson Field to assume his duties as Catholic Chaplain of the base. Chaplain McDermott entered the service January 29, 1944, and upon the completion of a brief indoctrination course at the Chaplain School, Harvard University, was commissioned a First Lieutenant on March 15.

Chaplain McDermott was assigned to the First Troop Carrier Command and stayed at Stout Field until orders came through assigning him to Lawson Field. He is a graduate of St. John's University, Brooklyn, N. Y., from which he received a B. A. degree. The chaplain continued his studies of the Roman Catholic doctrine at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., and was ordained in 1935. Prior to entering the service, Chaplain McDermott was attached to the Parish of the Blessed Sacrament church of Jackson Heights, L. I., New York.

## Post Salvages 7,500 Tons Of Critical Material

Fort Benning's "Salvage for Victory" campaign saved more than 15,000,000 pounds of essential materials for the war effort and returned nearly a quarter of a million dollars to the U. S. Treasury during the 21 months from July 1, 1942, to March 31, 1944, Capt. Herman E. Klein, post salvage officer, announced.

Metals vital to the war effort, including nearly 2,000,000 pounds of tin cans, waste fats for making the munitions of war, waste paper and "pig food" to feed the hogs which in turn help feed the Army and the nation were included in the materials salvaged through the efforts of Fort Benning's military personnel, Capt. Klein reported.

### MILLION EGG CRATES

A total of 15,911,588 pounds of materials that otherwise would have been lost to the war effort was salvaged by the post during the 21 months, Capt. Klein said. Nearly 1,000,000 egg crates and "pig food" were not included in the salvage total, he added.

The Army received a total of \$243,678.15 for the salvaged materials, including egg crates and "pig food," Capt. Klein reported.

"Our campaign is continuing daily and we hope to salvage for the war effort many more million pounds of materials this year," Capt. Klein declared. "We recently began collecting salvage at Baker Village every Saturday and we plan to continue 'for the duration' these weekly collections of greases, paper, and tin cans at the village."

The salvage office collects materials around the post every Thursday.

### ITEMS LISTED

Metals collected during the 21 months totaled 11,561,963 pounds valued at \$98,263.72, the salvage office reported. Other totals included: "pig food," \$71,846.89; cooked and raw bones and meat trimmings, 2,921,007 pounds and \$2,716.63; grease, 207,813 pounds and \$54,685.88; egg crates, 964,630 pounds and \$8,604.70; waste paper (collections before Feb. 1, 1943), \$68,425.45; and \$2,857.43, and trap grease, \$1,380 pounds and \$1,903.84.

## TPS Officers Get Promotions

The Public Relations Office of the 17th Infantry announced the following promotions: Major Charles S. Galbreath and Major Robert H. Miller were promoted from captains. Captain Frank J. Kent and Captain John A. Kelly were promoted from first lieutenants. The following first lieutenants were promoted from second lieutenants: Fred H. Metcalf, Vincent E. Smith, William J. Cullen, Earl O. Holroyd, Joseph W. Kromer and R. M. Swagler.

### 500 SCHOOLED

Half a thousand enlisted communication and motor students have found temporary homes in the 17th Infantry Training Regiment's 25th Company since it was activated half a year ago.

Organized November 1, 1943 by order from the regiment's Service Battalion, the 25th houses and feeds colored students attending Infantry School courses. More than 500 embryo motor maintenance and communication specialists have been attached to the company during its six months of existence.

### MAJOR WALKER

The promotion of Capt. Joseph Walker, Jr., to the rank of Major has been announced by Col. Edwin Cox, regimental commander of the 17th Infantry. Major Walker is the Plans and Training Officer of the 176th.

Any contract deed or will forbidding a person to marry is not valid in United States.

All official documents formerly were bound in red tape, giving rise to the popular expression for tedious official procedure.

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## TIS Graduates Its 1st Class Of Artillerymen

The first class of former anti-aircraft lieutenants to be retrained as Infantry officers was graduated from the Infantry School this week, after a parting shot from its instructors in the form of a difficult night-attack problem.

Nearly 200 strong, this group of ex-Coast Artillerymen completed the eight-week Officers' Special Basic Course under the guidance of Captain Richard B. Miller, commanding the 16th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment.

One morning shortly before graduation, the company's student officers were routed out of bed at 1:20 and taken to an assembly area near 1st Division and Hodgkiss roads. In complete blackout and thorough severals gas attacks, the class had to organize and attack an objective several thousand yards to the west, gaining a taste of the intensive training these officers will have to put their new units through.

Tasks and responsibilities that lie before members of the class, now that they have become Infantry officers, keynoted the graduation address by Lieutenant Colonel Robert A. Moore, veteran of the North African campaign. Colonel Robert H. Lord, commanding officer of the 1st Student Training Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Irving Lehtfeld, commander of the 2nd Battalion, and Captain Miller were present on the speakers' platform.

Chaplain Frederick W. Helfer of the 1st STR delivered the invocation. The 22nd Army Band, 176th Infantry, provided music for the graduation exercises.

### NO DINERS LEFT ON ENGLISH RAILROADS

LONDON.—(ALNS)—Pack your lunch for British travel, chum. The last 65 railway restaurant cars in Europe have been taken out of service for the duration. The dining car fleet has been whittled down gradually since the start of the war until now, when it is all gone.

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## KIRVEN'S

NEW YORK.—An American Indian soldier from the Sioux reservation near Poplar, Mont., has been a legend among the simple tribesmen in Northern Iran. Through his knowledge of medicine, he was able to care for injured and sick natives so successfully, that they consider him a sort of patron saint. The story is told by YANK correspondent, Cpl. James O'Neill in the May 5 issue of The Army Weekly—the issue of YANK that goes on sale at the PX Friday, Apr. 28.

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**OC Abandons Army for Navy**

Officer candidates of the 28th Company, Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, learned last week there are more than two ways to leave OCS when the Army decided that since one of their classmates, Timothy S. Street, possessed all the necessary qualifications, he would be granted an Army discharge to permit him to accept an ensign's commission in the Naval Sea Bees.

Ensign Street is a Charlestonian and received reserve officer's training in Anti-aircraft Artillery at The Citadel, military college of South Carolina. His father is in the shipping business and this connection afforded Ensign Street the opportunity of learning the ways-of shipping. He was, at one time, employed by the Charleston Navy Yard and also at the Charleston Customs House.

Ensign Street took his leave of OCS last Friday to report to Atlanta where he was sworn into the Navy. From there he will proceed to a Navy school where he will receive his officer's training.

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"This is the time when young people must plan for the future... they've got to live it."

—Eleanor Roosevelt.

## Army Moves to Facilitate Soldier Voting In 1944

"Our job is to assist and encourage servicemen to exercise their voting privilege as far as it is practicable and compatible with military operations." Thus has the new United States War Ballot Commission, headed by Secretary of War Stimson, explained its function as delegated to it under the new soldier vote bill.

From there on the soldier is "on his own." The Army will give him all the election ammunition possible to exercise his right to vote. He has the free mail privilege, air mail if necessary, to make every primary and election deadline. He is entitled by law to the democracy of secret marking of his ballot. No superior is allowed to attempt to influence his choice of candidates, but on the other hand he is prohibited from entering into unofficial political discussions on the elections with his fellow-soldiers.

He will be provided with material on all local, state and national candidates, prepared by his local election officials, delivered to him by the Commission, and confined in its scope to a statement of the candidates' names, addresses, party affiliations and offices for which they are running.

The Army will take its solemn responsibility the delivery of postcard applications to each soldier who wishes to vote in primary, special and general elections, and will provide him with all the help he needs, such as dates, places to mail forms, and ways to insure the legality of his application.

Any soldier who still needs assistance will find that "voting officers" have been appointed in each unit. Capt. John W. Inzer, Post Soldier Voting Officer, is amassing all information and material that will help soldier-voters, and to make it available to them when they want it.

Actually no soldier, charged with a love for democracy and its main characteristic, elections, can find anything too complicated here. If the overall explanations seem full of red-tape, it's probably because they lump all the 48 states, with their varying procedures, into one article. When a soldier goes through the explanation for just those few facts which refer only to his own home state he realizes that it's quite simple. And even that will be cut in half by July 15th.

On that date the final procedure for each state will be decided. Each GI will then know, or can find out very easily, whether he can use a state absentee ballot, the Federal (short) ballot, or (possibly) neither. As the Army Times has summed it all up, the new law puts the responsibility on the states and the soldiers.

In the meantime the BAYONET will continue to publish every shred of information on every state contest coming up. As noted a few weeks back, incidentally, any ballot application already sent in under the old law for certain state contests, already announced will not be invalidated under the new law.

The only key-word you will need in the future is the NAME OF YOUR HOME STATE. As the Army gathers and releases data on voting in that state, it will appear here. A few exchanges of cards, applications and ballots over a matter of weeks and you will have helped keep the democratic system alive even while serving in uniform.

Adapted from "Academic Mirror."

## Nazi Dream Turns Into Hideos Night-Mare

Yes, Kurt, you promised that you would be masters of the world. It was a beautiful dream, Kurt, enslaving mankind, which grew with every shattering defeat of the enemy. First Poland, then Norway, Holland, Belgium and France were crushed beneath your merciless heel—and at what a cheap price! And Russia—how thrilling the first reports of her staggered retreat.

But that was a long time ago, Kurt, for today your Kamarades are evermore war weary. They are sick and tired and discouraged. Sick of being separated from loved ones. Tired of cold and short rations, of grief and blood, of maiming and privation, of desecration and the destruction of their homes. And still they fight on, at Cassino like a cornered beast fights to the death seeing no way of escape. And Kurt, what about your gray legions in Russia? But perhaps der Fuehrer would rather not have us mention this. . . . And every day there are more and more rows of crosses.

Yes, Kurt, and the civilians back home. What about them? They too must be sick and tired. Tired of working long hours tired of being bombed. Tired of going without enough food. Tired of the privations and horrors of total war. So different from those early days of glorious conquest when you and the other supermen overran the weak and unprepared democracies. You were all so proud and happy and Schickelgruber thought the world was his oyster, and he could let it when he chose. . . . his oyster never get sick of success and plunder and plenty, do they Kurt? And you poor Kurt. . . . what about you?

Too late to offer your prisoners of war. Too late for you to participate in and accept a fair peace for your beloved Germany. A peace, that is better than what you have and can hold—than you can any longer expect.

Who is to blame for this. No—not you, Kurt, but who? Surely not The Leader. . . . But yet, someone you once believed in must be responsible for the present unhappy predicament of the Fatherland.

Yes, Kurt, it is too late. Too late to ever again love the loved ones you once knew. And each

day there are more and more crosses dotting the landscape alongside yours. . . .

Poor, unhappy, mistreated Kurt, too. It is possible that you no longer despair?

—"Spirit Of 1789"

## Unite And Conquer Our Counter-Strategy

"Divide and conquer" is a strategy as old as civilization. Let loose on unsuspecting and unthinking people, in nation after nation, age after age, it has proved an unfailing technique. Nazi Germany has been a master of it. But there are masters of it in this country, too. Through skillful engineering of industrial misunderstanding and disputes, political partisanship, class warfare and racial prejudice, they have eaten into America's life in a most insidious way.

In one typical American city there is a small minority group. Attempts have been made to form committees supposedly to better the conditions of this group and to promote an understanding of them on the part of others. Certain influences, however, have taken over these committees and used them as platforms for inflammatory tirades to stir up dissatisfaction and bitterness.

Americans must "wise up" to all such tactics that play on prejudice and point of view. And we must join up in a counter strategy to fight for an America united, strong, clean and free.

The counter strategy to "divide and conquer" is unite and conquer. People divide only when they look after their own interest first. They unite when they stop demanding something for themselves, and see what each person, party, group, creed or race can contribute to the nation.

The various groups in this and other countries each have distinctive characteristics. Their differences cannot be divisive if instead they are recognized as assets to enrich the whole social, cultural and economic life of the country. Those who are out to give what they can, instead of to get what they can will always find a uniting bond—a common denominator of immediate constructive action above party, race, class, creed, point of view or personal advantage.

United we stand, divided we fall. Let us choose to stand.

## Army Methods Will Influence U. S. Education

One of the most important contributions that the Army has made to the cause of better living for the post war era, is its successful educational methods. Through simplification of instruction, discipline, and popularization of auditorial and visual aids, the numerous Army schools have done much to boost our civilian educational agencies out of their traditional ruts.

It is true, that radio, films, loudspeakers, charts, etc., were available to our nation's schools before the war, but the majority of these institutions were either ignorant of the instructional benefits to be derived from their use, or they were not employing them to their fullest capacity.

The Army, and notably The Infantry School, has demonstrated that good results can be obtained quickly and easily through the proper use of these aids, combined with well prepared subject matter, discipline, and the wise use of wit and humor to stimulate interest.

As a result of the Army's program along these lines, many teachers and educational administrators now in uniform are going to return to their schools after this war with clearer and more definite ideas about how to make better citizens out of Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews.

S-Sgt. Tom McDonald, The Infantry School.

To be honest about what we are really fighting for we must see what we are really living for.

Jumping at conclusions is apt to land you in a pretty rough spot.

We must have unity within the nation if we want it between nations.

A man who thinks he knows it all has merely stopped thinking.

Badness is not due to ignorance so much as failure to do what we know.

Any fool can stay up all night but it takes a good man to get up early in the morning.



"Nurse! Better Take My Pulse, Too."



P. Batovsky

## USO Presents

### JUNIOR HOSTESS GRADUATION, PET SHOW, WIENER ROAST, MAY DAY DANCE

By PFC LOUISE WILIE

Graduation exercises and a formal ball tonight will mark the end of the USO Junior Hostess School and will provide a festive evening for Fort Benning GIs.

Girls who have attended the school this week will receive certificates of honor presented by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, commanding general of Fort Benning, at a ceremony at 9 o'clock in the auditorium of the 8th Street USO. . . . Following the presentation, the 222nd Army Band will play for dancing. All servicemen are invited.

The Army-Navy YMCA USO, 14 West 11th Street, has a unique attraction lined up for Saturday, Columbus Day. Scouts will exhibit their pets at a show in the club's patio from 4 to 6 p. m.

There'll be ribbons for prize winners in the following classifications: best long-haired dog, best short-haired dog, best cat, most unusual pet, the pet doing the best tricks, and the best dressed pet.

GIs who like pets are invited to visit the show and watch the judging.

A new club will be organized Monday night at the 11th Street USO. . . . All soldiers who are interested in joining are invited to come to the club at 8:30, beginning time.

A wiener roast has been arranged for Monday night by the Salvation Army USO, 1233 Broadway. . . . The party will leave the club at 8 o'clock, beginning time.

Dances of the week include the regular Saturday night affairs at the 8th Street USO, with the 3rd Infantry Dance Orchestra playing, and at the 11th Street USO, with the 17th Dance Orchestra providing the music. . . . Both dances will start at 9 o'clock.

On Tuesday night at 9 o'clock, the 11th Street club will hold a May Day dance, the first party of the season in its patio. The prettiest girl on the floor will be selected by a party of judges and crowned Queen of the May. . . . The 222nd Army Band will play for dancing.

The 16th Street School glee club will be heard at the vesper service Sunday afternoon at the YWCA USO, 1425 Third Avenue. . . . The service will begin at 5:15 and will be followed by the usual supper and group singing.

This club has started a new Wednesday night feature, a game party for husbands and wives. There'll be tables of bridge and other games, with a series of prizes.

The party is open to all service men and their wives. Women whose husbands are now overseas or stationed at other posts also are invited.

## Sgt. McDonald's Basket

### SAWGASS ASKS FOR TROPICAL WORSTED AND GETS IT—BUT HOW!

By S-Sgt. TOM McDONALD

I have never seriously brooded into the mathematical problem of just how many minutes there are in a week, but this morning Private Sawgrass took up several of them explaining to Colonel Swampwater the matters of importance that lay closest to his heart.

"Kernal," he says, "I come in here to ask you something that has been bouncing around in my head ever since I read about it in The BAYONET last week."

"Shoot, Sawgrass," the Ol' Boy replied, "I'm never too busy to lend an interested ear to the questions of my men. I am a real field soldier. I have been in the Army ever since the turn of the century."

"That's mighty fine, Sir, but what I aim to say is . . . er . . . I done read that the WACs are gonna be issued brand new worsted summer uniforms that are really knockouts. They will be so dressed up people from miles around will gaze at them in ardent admiration!"

"That's right, Sawgrass. I've been toying around with that idea for the WACs for several months now, but someone else thought of it and sent it to Washington ahead of me."

"That's too bad, Sir!" continued Sawgrass, "but what I want to know is why can't us privates and

non-coms be decked out in a classy dress uniform while we're stationed here in the states?"

"Ahem!" the Ol' Boy grinned, "you think that you would like a new worsted uniform like the WACs are going to wear?"

"You done took the words right out of my mouth, Kernal!" said Sawgrass, "I want one of them snappy outfits so I will get more attention when I attend social functions in Phenix City."

"A brand new worsted summer dress uniform so you will look as 'classy' as the WACs!" asked Colonel Swampwater.

"Exactly, Sir. My position requires an appearance of distinction. I aim to know the ladies and be the envy of the men. Nothin' short of a new worsted summer dress uniform will do it!"

"That's convincing language, Sawgrass," the Ol' Boy replied, "You report back to my office in one hour and I will see that you get a complete new outfit. I don't want a man in my regiment to feel like the WACs are getting anything over on him."

"Much obliged, Sir, I'll be back on the dot! I'm plumb pleased to pieces!" answered Sawgrass as he made a hasty exit.

As soon as he was out of sight, Colonel Swampwater picked up the phone and dialed a number. There was a mischievous twinkle



## THE SYMPATHETIC HEART

Chaplain J. W. Westerman

True religion arouses sympathies. It is always marked by an increase of interest in other peoples' welfare. Love of man grows with love of God. Men who truly pray, "OUR FATHER" can not be indifferent to their neighbors.

"If a man say he loves God and hateth his brother," he is deceived. He cannot do both.

A man's religion may well be tested by the keenness and closeness of his sympathies. The man who is filled with the spirit of Jesus feels himself kin and neighbor to all the peoples there are. The whole world is his world.

Religion breaks down barriers between ranks and people and is the only thing that can make the world a unity and bring it peace.

Should we not all pray from the very bottom of our hearts, "O Thou, who art the Father of us all, we pray today for those who despair through ignorance, who suffer through neglect, who are handicapped by environment? Whatever be their race, color and name they are our brethren through Christ."

"We are members one of another," Romans 12:5.

In his eye as the other party answered his buzz.

"Hello, is this Captain Veronice Sawgrass of the WAC? . . . Yes! . . . Well this is Thomas. . . . er Full Colonel Thomas Poindexter Swampwater of the 13th Chairborne Regiment. . . . I would like for you to send me over a complete new WAC worsted summer dress uniform with all the accessories. . . . yes. . . . er um huh. . . . er I'll send a messenger over for it. . . . it's a matter of morale. . . . no, not my morale. . . . Er. . . . thank you my dear. . . . don't forget to come to my peanut brittle party next Thursday." the Ol' Boy concluded, simultaneously motioning for me to set out on the errand.

When I got back from lugging the package halfway across the post proper, Private Sawgrass had returned to the office. He was freshly showered and his hair was slicked back and parted in the middle. One of Colonel Swampwater's guest cigars was reclining between his teeth. His eyes sparkled with elation as he nonchalantly blew smoke rings ceiling-high. I turned the package over to our commanding officer.

"That's fine, Sergeant," said the Ol' Boy as he proceeded to open it. Sawgrass and I watched eagerly as he laid each piece of the uniform out on his desk. There was a worsted blouse, a skirt of the same material, a cotton shirt, women tie, a WAC hat, a pair of nylon, female shoes, a pair of pink panties, and other odd feminine accoutrements.

The cigar fell helplessly out of Sawgrass's mouth as he grasped the essence of the situation. His lips twitched

## Eileen Says—

### "JITTER RUN" MOVES HER TO TEARS AND LAUGHTER—GOOD READING

Browsing through the library shelves the other day, I came across a slim brown volume with the fascinating title, "Jitter Run." Being in somewhat of a hurry—as I frequently am these hectic days—I checked the book out, and late that night, in the comparative peace and quiet of home, I wound myself up in the corner of the davenport with a couple of pillows, a glass of iced coffee—and the dog—to investigate. "Jitter Run."

Somewhat to my surprise, Jitter Run turned out to be a stream, on or near which, depending on the temperature of the weather, lived three or four Jitters—fourteen, if you take into account Herod, the family retainer—The Colonel, Molly, the children—Owen Gindower, the educated Jitter, the twins (indistinguishable) Ethan and Eben; Harwood whose adventures alone would fill a book twice the size of this; Jane, the beautiful, beautiful daughter of the house, and Cyril who aligns himself with the five "Juniors" in "working" Jitter Run.

It would be foolish to sit down and try to relate the adventures of the various Jitters, but there are scenes from this chapter and that that will remain with me for as long as I am able to read and remember the printed word. There is, for instance, the com-

ing of Mrs. Sczymuhrup into the lives of the Jitters—particularly Ethan and Eben, the uncontrollable.

Mrs. Sczymuhrup (pronounced Schmitt) stands well over six feet and is extremely muscular—easily able to handle the obstreperous twins.

On the same day that she hired Mrs. Sczymuhrup to do the cooking for the Jitters, Molly called on Anathema Perkins to persuade her—subtly, to be sure, to marry Herod. The wedding, which takes place within record time, will probably go down in the annals of literature as one of the most unique wedding descriptions ever put into words.

That the story of the Jitters and Jitter Run ends happily is not due to any one of the Jitters—but of all of the Jitters combined—from Harwood down through the twins to the "Juniors."

It's an amusing book—and one that, I guarantee, you'll hang onto until you've read every last word. You'll be moved to laughter and tears before you've reached the concluding description of Jitter Run as it lies resplendent and obnoxious in the sunlight—the house that was built by generations—each wing representing all the faults of its own era—each member of the family combining the good and all the bad of past generations of Jitters—but lovable, all of them. An orchid to Robert Germann!

## This Khaki'd World—

BY PVT. G. I. GRIFF

Corp. Emanuel Wallor, Co. H, 3d Infantry Regiment, who is being heard over the "Fort Benning on the Air" radio program a lot lately, tells this one. Seems he went calling on his very best gal up in Stamford, Conn last Thanksgiving Day, to tell her goodbye.

She was being inducted next day. The girl's brother, Corp. George McMaster, was home on a furlough, with a lot of service ribbons for overseas service. The Corp. couldn't tell the soldier-to-be much about where he had been, but he said he was going out on a cadre headed "down south to train a bunch of rookies." When Wallor got off the train a few days later at Camp Butler, he found Corp. McMaster there ahead of him. They've been in the same company ever since.

Candidate for hurlingst guy in the Army today is named Anacker out in 312th at POW Camp. Seems another

nervously as he tried to speak and a warm flush of crimson illuminated his features when he finally managed to do so. "Holy catfish! Kernal! That's been a mistake! I BEEN TOOK IN BY THE NUMBERS!"

"There has been no mistake, Sawgrass!" the Ol' Boy firmly replied. "This is exactly the type of uniform you have been wearing and raising so much fuss about wanting to wear. PUT IT ON!"

"Aw, now see here, Kernal! Them's female duds. I can't wear nothing like these!"

"Yes, Sir," whined Sawgrass, fully cognizant of the officialness that cooed from the order.

"If one of my men likes another army uniform better than the one I'll allow soldiers are wearing I'll do anything in my power to see that he gets a chance to wear one, but I have a little rule that anyone so doing is required to keep the uniform on for a period of twenty-four hours. After that he can change back to the regular issue."

"Does that mean I got to keep this gal suit on all that time?" growled Sawgrass, as he tried to fasten his skirt.

"Those are my orders!" replied the Ol' Boy. "Give him a hand there, Sergeant."

"Yes, Sir," I said, trying to assist Sawgrass in rolling his nyons.

"This is not in line of duty," he moaned.

It's a little lesson for you in military discipline and appreciation of the value of allowances. Every gripe in the regiment should be dealt with accordingly," said the Colonel. Then he asked: "Where are you going, back to the barracks?"

"Shades of Salome, NO! Sir. . . . If I go around looking like a WAC I may as well reap the full benefit of the ordeal. . . . I am going over to the WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS PX BEAUTY PARLOR and have my face lifted!"

man in the guard company bet him that he could beat Anacker at ping pong using a cigar box top instead of a paddle. Other guy lost, and penalty was to mop under Anacker's bunk for a week—but he was transferred out almost immediately. So now Anacker has to mop under his own bunk and he's wasted one good game of ping pong.

Sgt. Winfield Purvis up to his animal taming tricks again at the POW Camp. This time it's a snake that he carries around wrapped up on his arm. The boys claim that Purvis told Corp. Yolles that he charmed it by wiggling, and that the Corp. whistled himself purple but the snake just gave him a dirty look.

Sgt. Jimmy Dye and Corp. Johnson of the 174th Infantry Band, are having a difficult time of it. Made a bet as to who could stay away from cigars longest and now each is hoping the other will hurry up and weaken.

And in I company of the 176th, they claim that Sgt. Leech actually squirts his spit with overtones and roller skates. Here, there isn't any snow around here, Sarge!

Pvt. Smith came beaming into the office the other morning, chortling mightily. "See the headline in the Columbus Enquirer?" he roared with glee. We looked at it—said "Sumatra Shelled." "Oh, hell," he said, his face falling. "I misread it, I thought it said 'Sinatra Shelled.'"

Show at theaters this week billed as "Follow the Boys," starring Vera Zorina. She should be following the boys!!!

Grammar is exemplified in story in "Enquirer"—"He was finally dislodged by having his perch shook." And further on in same story—"That was about the hardest thing to kill as I have ever seen." Basic English, we presume.

It must have been wrote by the office boy. . . . They've got me doing it now.

A prominent staff sergeant about Fort Benning recently viewed lots of pix in files at Provost Marshall's office showing case histories, dead persons, etc. Late same night, he came out to find a GI sprawled out in his station wagon. His mind, flashing back to the pictures, had seen, he was certain that the stranger was dead and called for MP's, investigators, fingerprint experts, FBI, and so on. MP's, and so on, rushed to the scene—and reported that the man was dead-drunk. Staff Sergeant has never yet told the whole story to his friends, have you, Carl?

Noticed that name of new Red Cross field secretary is Murray E. Hill. Cap'n S. figures that Manhattanites will be flooding Red Cross with calls more than ever now since they'll find it so easy to call "Murray Hill 5331."

It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.



# WD Issues Info Booklet For Discharged Soldiers

Designed to answer some of the questions and to provide information for those who are honorably discharged and separated from the Army, the War Department has issued a booklet entitled "Information for Soldiers Going Back to Civilian Life."

The booklet (WD Pamphlet No. 21-4) contains a great deal of pertinent information and neatly compiled a number of laws and regulations pertaining to veterans. The booklet will be distributed only to personnel being discharged. The contents of the book will be carried in The Bayonet in three installments.

**WEAT TO DO BEFORE YOU LEAVE CAMP OR HOSPITAL**  
Put your affairs in order. Before you entered the Army, you took care to see that your civilian affairs were taken care of before you entered the Army. Now that the process is reversed and you are about to leave the Army, it is equally wise to see that your military affairs are in order.

These are usually matters of routine but important just the same. For instance, be sure you have your own clothing or equipment that must be returned to the supply officer. If you own money at a club, mess, library, or other facility, see that these bills are settled. Turn over any public funds or property for which you are responsible. The personnel officer or the hospital registrar will put you straight.

Your supply sergeant or first sergeant will tell you what items of clothing you are allowed to take with you. If, when you get home, you wish to return any of them to the Army, simply take them to any Railway Express office and send them at government expense to the Quartermaster of your nearest Army post. If you have been buying bonds by allotment you can arrange to have them sent to your permanent address (as shown on your bond application) or you may leave them with the government for safekeeping. In the latter case the Treasury will send you a receipt for them. If you have paid for only part of a bond your money will be refunded.

Any inquiry about War Bonds purchased by deduction from your pay should be sent to Army War Bond Office, 366 West Adams street, Chicago.

Forces 13 and discharge certificate. Upon being discharged you will receive your discharge certificate and a complete copy of WD AGO Form 53 (Report Separation). The latter carries full details about yourself and your military service. Both are very important and valuable documents. Be sure that you keep them and know where to find them at all times. If you are being returned

to an inactive status you will receive post, camp, and station there is a personal affairs officer who is to help you, or your dependents, with any problems of discharge and demobilization.

**WEARING YOUR UNIFORM AFTER DISCHARGE**  
You are entitled to wear your uniform from the place where you receive your discharge to your home, provided that you go there within three months of the discharge date. Remember on the journey that civilians will be unable to distinguish between you and those who are still in active service. So continue to act in such a way as to reflect credit to the Army. Otherwise you will be playing fair with those who are still serving.

You may also wear your uniform on ceremonial occasions, such as parades or meetings of veterans of other military organizations. In such cases you may wear the highest rank or grade that you held during the war.

**WEARING OF DECORATIONS AND SERVICE RIBBONS AFTER DISCHARGE**  
You may wear decorations and service ribbons which you have been awarded to you, on your uniform on ceremonial occasions, or on your civilian clothes when desired. These have been awarded you in recognition of honorable service you have rendered and you will want to wear them only on occasions which reflect credit on them and on yourself.

**WHAT TO DO AS SOON AS YOU GET HOME**  
Register at Your Local Board. One thing that you must do immediately after discharge is to go to your local draft board (Select Service local board) and report the fact that you are now separated from the armed forces. The law requires that you do this within five days after discharge. If the board is distant, write a brief letter telling them when and where you were discharged, the address where you can be reached, and a complete copy of your discharge certificate. You will receive a classification card which will establish your identity and civilian status.

If you are registered with any board and you went into uniform through the Regular Army, Regular Army Reserve, National Guard, or National Reserve, you may transfer from another of the armed services, you must also register if discharged. In such cases you must register with the local board, at the place where you propose to reside.

You must keep your local board advised of any change of address so that you may be notified of any change in your status or of any other event which concerns you officially or personally. Remember that you have the same obligations as any other civilian. Failure to register or to report changes of address is a Federal offense. Members of WAC are not

required to register upon discharge, but should do so if they desire aid in securing reemployment and other benefits.

Later on you may change your residence and may wish to use the employment facilities of the local board (see p. 9) in your new community, which you may do by presenting to them your copy of Form 53. However, the board where you first registered—known as your Board of Registration—is still the board that decides your classification.

Record Your Discharge. Since your Discharge Certificate (Report Separation) is a valuable document you will be wise to have it recorded. This means having an exact copy of it made in the official record books of the county. To do this you should take it to the county clerk, recorder, or other appropriate official in the official record books of the county. In most States, it will be recorded without charge. The original will be returned to you and then, if you ever need a copy, you can get a certified one from this official which will be legally unimpaired.

In the meantime, keep the original in a safe place. Perhaps you think you will never forget it. But don't take any chances. Keep a record of it where it will be safe. You may need it on many future occasions. Remember that some of the records concerning you are filed under a number with the War Department, and other agencies, and if you lose track of it you may later be caused much delay and unnecessary correspondence.

**IF YOU ARE PUT IN THE ENLISTED RESERVE CORPS**  
Some of you will be placed in the active service and sent back to civilian life will not be actually discharged from the Army. Instead they will be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

If that happens to you, you will receive a Certificate of Service instead of a Discharge Certificate. Keep a record of it where it will be safe. You will be like the man who is discharged, with a few exceptions. You will have to report to your draft board, but you do not have to report that you have been released from active duty and placed in ERC.

You can be ordered back into uniform and active duty at any time, without the formality of being drafted. This order will come from the Service Command having jurisdiction over you and not from your Draft Board.

The Service Command having jurisdiction over you is the nearest to your place of permanent residence. You will generally be told which Service Command you come under when you are released from active service. You must report any later change of address to that command. If you are not certain where to make that report, contact your nearest military establishment or any draft board for proper information.

**GETTING A JOB**  
Unless you are disabled your first interest after being discharged will probably be to get yourself a job. The Government has made a number of arrangements to help you do this.

Meet your reemployment committee. The Selective Service System has organized a reemployment program. It works in Washington, in your state capital, and in your own community. The local selective service board there is a man who has been assigned to advise you about getting a job. He is known as a reemployment committee member. When you report to your local board after discharge, be sure to meet him.

If you want your old job back, if you worked for a private employer, and cannot call on him immediately, make application in writing to him at the earliest possible time and keep a copy of your letter. Tell him when you can probably return to work, but remember that you must make application for reemployment within 40 days after the date of your discharge.

Your former employer is required to give you your old job (or its equivalent) if he possibly can, at the same rate of pay and with the same seniority and privilege you previously had. Moreover, the law says that he shall not discharge you without cause within one year of your reemployment.

If you have difficulty, go to your local reemployment committee who will do his best to help you. If necessary, he will make assistance of the United States district courts and the federal district attorneys. This federal district attorneys.

If you want a new job—or if you were not previously employed. In such a case the United States Employment Service (USES) is ready and anxious to assist you. The USES is a nation-wide federal organization that helps people get

## Bedlam?—No, Adjutant's Office



## Visual Aids Play Important Role in RC Instruction

BY T-5 LEWIS SWINGLER  
The "Private Pete" to trainees of the STR, Reception Center, was never more realistic than when he strikes hard and furiously against the enemy in a movie.

This imaginary soldier, created as part of the subject matter taught educationally handicapped men in the Special Training Regiment, is their model in books, posters and cards, and mural painting. But on the screen, "Private Pete" becomes their man of action.

There are more than 5,000 soldiers in the STR, representing four battalions, sixteen companies, and a staff of 375 instructors, according to Lt. Col. Ernest J. Knott, executive officer of Operations and Training. Approximately 80 percent of all soldiers who pass through the Reception Center, in view of their sub-standard educational status, are retained for 12 weeks or less in the STR for special schooling.

Importance of visual aid to an accelerated education program such as used by the STR, planned to cover the equivalent of four years of school work within the brief period of three months, was recognized from the outset when the STR was set up along its present line last June, but it was not until the first of this year that pictures were used extensively. The entire program is geared to 170 MOVIES WEEKLY.

Fifty projectionists are connected with the training film section, and six artists compose the staff of the visual section. The film operators show as a weekly average 170 movies to 10,000 soldiers in the four battalions. They work on a day and night schedule, showing pictures in all companies, and smaller groups divided into platoons.

For special art work and drawings for classroom studies, and outdoor exercises, men of the visual aid section are counted upon. They are trained artists, who for the most part do free hand work. On the visual aid staff are Sgt. Leroy Threagill and Sgt. Edward R. Montgomery, both of Birmingham, Ala.; S-Sgt. Garland F. Buckley, of Muncie, Indiana; Sgt. Benton A. Adams, of Detroit, Mich.; William Sullivan, of Atlanta, Ga.; Sgt. Isaac E. Bryan, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla.; Cpl. Mariano Flandaca, Chicago; and

jobs. Its services are free. It maintains a division that gives special attention to veterans, so get in touch with any of its 1,500 local offices when you leave the Army. You will be helped in getting a job in your own community—or in any other where there may be need for a person of your abilities.

If you worked for state, county, or city, States, counties, and municipal governments are not subject to the laws of Congress on reemployment of veterans but many states have passed laws which guarantee your old job where possible. Most states follow the recommendations of Congress, and your local reemployment committee will probably be able to get you a job back for you or a job of "similar seniority, status, and pay."

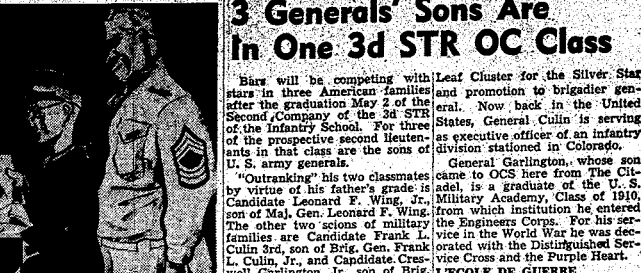
Civil Service Jobs. If you were a federal civil service employee when you entered the Army, you should apply for your old job within 40 days of your discharge. You will get it—or one of "like seniority, status, and pay."

In seeking a new civil service job, veterans are entitled to special consideration and preference, and this applies, also, in some cases, to the wives and widows of veterans. Your reemployment committee or the United States Employment Service will obtain full details for you or put you in touch with the proper authorities.

(To Be Continued)

If you want a new job—or if you were not previously employed. In such a case the United States Employment Service (USES) is ready and anxious to assist you. The USES is a nation-wide federal organization that helps people get

## 3 Generals' Sons Are In One 3d STR OC Class



Bar will be competing with stars in three American families after the graduation May 2 of the Second Company of the 3d STR of the Infantry School. For three of the prospective second lieutenants in that class are the sons of U. S. army generals.

"Outranking" his two classmates by virtue of his father's grade is Candidate Leonard F. Wing, Jr., son of Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing. The other two sons of military families are Candidate Frank L. Culin, 3rd, son of Brig. Gen. Frank L. Culin, Jr., and Candidate Creswell Garlington, Jr., son of Brig. Gen. Creswell Garlington.

Candidate Wing came into the army from his home city of Burlington, Vermont and by the time he had been processed, military retraining already had come to his family for General Wing, an assistant commanding general of the 43rd Division, had led the final assault on Munda airfield and had been awarded the Silver Star and Legion of Merit.

**IN MUNDA DRIVE**  
General Wing is a National Guard officer who entered upon active duty in February, 1941, as a brigadier general in assistant command of the 43rd. He went overseas in 1942 and trained the unit in New Caledonia prior to the invasions of Guadalcanal and the Russell Islands. The division was one of the initial forces in the move into New Georgia. He received his decorations and promotion to major general as the result of the Munda drive.

A veteran of the first World War, General Wing enlisted in the Vermont National Guard as a private and worked his way through the ranks to the permanent rank of brigadier general in that branch. Candidate Culin came to Fort Benning from the University of Arizona. His father received his original commission in 1916 and saw action in four major World War engagements in France, emerging from that conflict with the Silver Star and other decorations.

**ALASKAN SCOUTS**  
The outbreak of the present war found him a colonel in command of troops charged with the defense of the west coast. He later was placed in command of a unit of Alaskan scouts who were the first Americans to set foot on Attu during that operation. Later he had charge of all ground troops in the invasion, winning the Oak

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**He Won't Forget Furlough Papers The Next Time**  
Carry your furlough papers with you every minute you are home, advises Corporal Willie Hartman, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School.

Willie left Fort Benning last week to visit his brother, Archie B. Hartman, of 105 Bennett avenue, New York, N. Y. He donated a freshly pressed uniform one evening, headed for the bright lights of Times Square.

"Let me see your papers," requested an MP as Hartman turned the corner into Broadway. Willie's hands rifled his pockets but came out empty. "I must have left them in the other uniform," he explained to the MP, and two hours later to the desk sergeant.

Corporal Hartman won't be caught without his furlough papers again.

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# Busy Week Ahead In TIS Baseball Loop

## Troopers Battle Rifles Tonight at Gowdy Field

Fans Look Forward To Monday Tilt Between Current League Leaders

By SGT. CHUCK VOORHIS

The rains willing, something of an even keel will have been attained by The Infantry School Baseball League by the end of this week. That is in the matter of the schedule.

Starting with tonight's game, the program for the next week is packed with games that hold more than the usual interest. This is due to the fact that the teams will be completing their first round of play and will be starting the second of the four rounds scheduled for the first half, next Wednesday.

Tonight the Parachute School Troopers will tangle with the 3rd Student Training Regiment Rifles in their first league meeting of the season. Tomorrow night, the Troopers will go out after the 3rd Infantry Cockades. Both games are scheduled for Gowdy Field at 7:30 o'clock.

Manager Mike Hogan of the Troopers will start either himself or Ralph Keesee, his righthander from Louisville against the Rifles. Tomorrow night, he'll probably use Dan Soule, Steve Cherodan or Marv Brown. For his Sunday day clash with the 1st Student Training Regiment Wolves, he'll have to call on either himself or Keesee, depending on how the going is in tonight's game. Three games in four days is really a tough problem for a pitching staff that has none too strong.

**COCKADE MOUND TROUBLE**  
Bob Tanner or Clyde Thomas will get the pitching tail for the Rifles tonight. The former is a left-hander and the latter a star-board flipper.

Herb Moore of the Cockades also has pitching problems. Dewey Wilkins will be ready to work against the Troopers tomorrow night but Herb may have to pitch Sunday's clash with the 4th Infantry Raiders.

The other game scheduled for Sunday will be another meeting between the Academic Profs and the Rifles. These teams met twice in practice games, the Profs winning one and tying the other. Picking pitchers for Sunday is like trying to pick a winning

### Sunday's Mound Rivals



RALPH KEESEE  
... TFS Right-Hander

JIM PRENDERGAST  
... 1st STR Southpaw

## Lawson Field Wins Another Court Diadem

Fliers Take USO Crown Downtown To End Season

By SGT. BILL BIANCHETTO

The Lawson Field Flyers, Fort Benning Court League champions, added another league title to their name last week. The Flyers defeated Co. A Academic Regiment, in two straight games in a two-out-of-three playoff series for the 9th Street U. S. O. championship.

Scores for the two games were 37-22, and 50-40. Both games were hard fought and a one-month lay off for the Flyers did them no good, as a determined Co. A team, flashing a short fast passing attack, forced the Lawsonies to go all-out to maintain the lead.

**HIGHLY HELPS**  
The greater height of the Flyers, however, proved to be the deciding factor as time and time again they either captured Co. A rebounds or sunk their own.

Metcalf and Hall led the Lawson team in the scoring column, while Somerson paced the loss. This series also averaged the Flyers' only loss in U. S. O. play, an early defeat to the same team in an overtime battle.

**LOST ONLY ONE**  
The two wins gave the Lawson Field a record of 22 wins and 1 loss for the U. S. O. league and a season mark of 35 wins against three losses. The only other team able to best the Flyers was the Parachute School, winners of two games out of five played by the two quintets.

Metcalf, leading scorer for the Lawson Field team, ran his total for the season up to 488 points for play in both leagues. Another interesting note is that Metcalf outscored Van Niede, Parachute School, for high scoring honors in the Fort Benning League. Metcalf had a total of 250 points in 13 games to Van Niede's total of 208 points in 11 games.

Some men grow under responsibility. Others just swell.

## Supply Detachment Ramblers In Debut Against Flyer Nine

The Supply Detachment Ramblers, newest entry in post baseball circles, will make their debut at Gowdy Field on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 when they meet the Lawson Field Flyers in an exhibition tilt. The game will feature the Supply Detachment's first STR vs. Parachute School in a TIS League battle at 1:30.

Managed by Tech. Sgt. Frank Barnes, the Ramblers have been working out for the past two weeks with a 20-man squad. Representing Supply Detachment, Sec. 1, the new nine is drawing its material from quartermaster, ordnance and signal corps troops of the station complement.

Al Dakai, a big right-hander with professional experience, is the expected mound starter for the Ramblers, while Lawson Field has not announced a starting hurler. The Flyers completed last summer in the Fort Benning League.

## Prendergast Seeks Third Win Sunday

Good things come in threes, hopes Pitcher Jim Prendergast of the 1st STR Wolves as he looks forward to playing the Parachute School at Gowdy Field April 30. This week-end's game will follow two consecutive victories in which Prendergast held the 3rd STR Rifles to three hits and only one run Sunday, and buried his club to an 816 score over the 4th Infantry the week before. Prendergast's fast ball is getting results. On Todd and Stroup Fields this year his pitching has been as speedy if not speedier than it was with the 6th Regiment last season, at the Cincinnati tryouts in 1942, or on the Dodgers' farm string during the five years before Pearl Harbor. If present results and past performances count, Pitcher Prendergast is going places next Sunday.

## Service League Opening Slated Next Thursday

1st STR Red Sox Will Meet Tigers At New R. C. Park

The 1944 Service League baseball campaign will get under way next Thursday, May 4th, when the 1st STR Red Sox, defending champions, invade the brand new Reception Center Park for the opening game with the powerful R. C. Tigers.

The ump's will cry "play ball" at 6:30 p. m., following brief opening game ceremonies which will be combined with an official dedication of the new park. During the winter months, the layout of the R. C. diamond has been reversed, giving a greater outfield space, and permanent seats for a capacity of some 2,500 fans have been installed.

Recent rains, however, have raised havoc with the new playing surface and caused a week's delay in the opening of the Service League, originally slated for Tuesday night. Workmen are busy smoothing it into shape, though, and it should be ready for next Thursday's opening.

Both opening game rivals have been bolstered by the addition of new players to their squads. Last summer, the Red Sox and Tigers provided the cream of colored baseball at the post, with the 1st STR taking the league title, and then bowing to the Reception Center in the Southeastern Service Tourney which was also held here. Other teams that will compose the 1944 circuit include the Truck Regiment, 3rd STR Panthers, Lawson Field, 144th Q.M. Headquarters Detachment (Sec. 2), and Medical Detachment. The teams will play approximately two games per week.

## Baseball Card

STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.
1st Stud. Tng. Regt.	3	0	1.000
Academic Regt.	2	0	1.000
3d Stud. Tng. Regt.	1	1	.500
Parachute School	0	1	.000
4th Infantry	0	1	.000
3rd Infantry	0	2	.000

## SCHEDULE

Thursday night, Gowdy Field—Parachute School vs. 3rd STR, 7:30 p. m.  
Friday night, Gowdy Field—Parachute School vs. 3d Infantry, 7:30 p. m.  
Saturday afternoon, Gowdy Field—Academic Regiment vs. 1st STR, 1:30 p. m.  
Sunday afternoon, Gowdy Field—3d STR vs. 4th Infantry, 2 p. m.  
Monday night, Gowdy Field—Academic Regiment vs. 1st STR, 7:30 p. m.  
Tuesday night, Stroup Field, 3d STR vs. 4th Infantry, 6:30 p. m.

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SIX MONTHS AGO, Pvt. Bob Montag was blown out of a foxhole near the Volturno River in Italy and suffered three shrapnel wounds in his leg. He's now the regular center fielder of the 1st Student Training Regiment's entrant in the first Infantry School Baseball League. In his league debut, he knocked out three singles in five trips to the plate and drove in three runs. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

## Outfielder Bob Montag of Wolves Was Injured in Italian Campaign

Hard-Hitting 1st STR Flychaser Is Holder Of Purple Heart Decoration

German shrapnel caught Private Bob Montag in the leg as he was waiting to cross the Volturno River in Italy last October, but it couldn't stop him from playing ball! Returned to the United States a couple of months ago and assigned to duty at The Infantry School, this Purple Heart hero is a hard-hitting outfielder for the 1st Student Training Regiment Wolves in The Infantry School League.

Twenty-one year old Montag, from Cincinnati, Ohio, played center field for two years on his home city's semi-pro Deer Park Merchants of the Tri-State League. In the Army since March, 1943, Bob was sent to Italy and took part in the advance from Salerno to the Volturno River.

Montag first breathed diamond dust when he was a sophomore at Purcell High School in Cincinnati. That season, with Bob in its outfield, the Purcell nine became city champs. Two years later they finished in second place.

**BATTED 375**  
He fielded for Deer Park during 1941 and '42. In both seasons the Cincinnati semi-pros finished second in the Tri-State League—Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. He batted 375 during 1942, his last year in civilian baseball.

"Two big-league veterans, turned Deer Park trainers, saw promise in young Montag's prowess and drew their attention to him: Ralph Birkhofer, Pirate pitcher until 1941, and the late Hemie Petz, who had caught for the Cincinnati Reds around the turn of the century.

"Birkhofer and Petz made me work hard," Montag reminisces, "but they sure helped my fielding."

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## Tennis Champ In 3rd STR

The 28th Company, Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, has another champion along with Candidate "Bill" Shakespeare, formerly of Notre Dame University, and Candidate Charles F. Points, American Tennis Association's national doubles champion of 1941, formerly of Wilberforce University in Ohio, Ohio State University, and West Virginia State University.

He still plays the game of tennis, but he is training for the biggest game of his career—the national doubles championship. He played his first major tournament in 1938 at Indianapolis where he was semi-finalist. In 1940 he participated in the mid-western and again was semi-finalist. In 1940 he gained national recognition by going to the quarter-finals in singles and semi-finals in doubles at the nationals in August.

In 1941, he won the national doubles championship. In 1942 he won every match played except one for the university tennis team.

In the summer of the same year he defeated Richard Studin, former captain of the tennis team at the University of Chicago in the quarter-finals. He played a semi-final match in doubles 10 minutes later and after a 15 minute intermission he won a hard-fought, five set match with Hunt of Detroit.

That was the end of the Italian campaign for Bob Montag, but not the end of his baseball career. Recovered from his leg wounds, Montag has been batting "on out

called to the colors. Despite the rigors of basic training, he played three games for the 7th Training Regiment at Fort McClellan, Training over, he sailed for North Africa and Italy.

**ESCAPE AT NIGHT**  
"I still can't see how we kept out of their hands," he said. "When we couldn't return to our own lines by dawn, we'd just lie still until night let us escape."

Thrice Montag's patrol succeeded in capturing German patrols, bringing in five or six prisoners each time.

Dug in for protection from an enemy barrage, his unit was drawn up along the south bank of the Volturno one drizzly day last October. An 88-millimeter shell hit only 15 feet away from Montag's foxhole. The concussion hurled him up out of his shelter. While he was rolling back to safety, a second shell exploded nearby, sending three fragments flying into his right leg.

**CAREER CONTINUES**  
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## ARMED FORCES WILL PASS 11 MILLION SOON

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**RANKED 7TH IN 1943**  
That night Points took a plane to Philadelphia to play in the nationals where he reached the semi-finals. In 1943, after playing one-half the season, Points was ranked seventh in the country by the A.T.A. During his career, he has played in four major tournaments sponsored by the U.S.L.T.A. While in basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Points served as tennis coach of the Replacement Training Center.

The man who does his work with a whole heart is sure to succeed. He has so little competition, and catching long flies under the critical eye of 1st STR Coach George Simmons.

In the Wolves' recent 8-6 victory over the 4th Infantry, Montag had three hits out of five times at bat and drove in three runs.

**FAST ACTION AT FIRST** in Sunday's game at Gowdy Field between the Academic Profs and the 3rd Infantry Cockades is shown above. Garland Lawing, Prof left-fielder from the Birmingham Barons is out by a step on an infield grounder. Herb Moore, ex-Prof manager and now Cockade tutor, is the first-sacker, while the pitcher in background is Dewey Wilkins of the 3rd. (Official Infantry School Photo.)

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# Cockade Ring Tourney On Tap Tonight

## Novice Punchers Appear In Stadium Boxing Card

Rained out last week, the 3d Infantry Regiment of the Infantry School, Troop Brigade, will make another attempt to stage its annual boxing tournament tonight at Dougherty Stadium. The first bout is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock, under lights.

Approximately 30 fighters are expected to compete in eight classes, ranging from the lightweight to the heavyweight division. The bouts will be three rounds, each round being limited to two minutes.

The boxers will be fighting for representation of the 3d Infantry Regimental team. Lt. Harry E. Bolick, Jr., athletic and recreation officer, hopes of creating a team with other units on the post as well as college teams in the area.

Winners and beaten finalists, in each class, will comprise the Regimental team.

The fighters not only will be battling for birth on the Regimental team, but also will be competing for several attractive trophies that have been placed in competition. Minor gold boxing gloves will be given as prizes to the winners and silver gloves will be awarded the beaten finalists.

A large trophy will be given to the company with the largest number of winners.

**EXHIBITION STAGED**  
As an added attraction, Pfc. John "Knobby" King, who has been supervising the training of the Regimental boxers, has arranged an exhibition bout between Pfc. George Blaisdell, Co. D, and Pfc. John Miller, the 147-pound champion of the 176th Infantry.

## Unscathed in Battle, GI Injured in Fall

Lady Luck assisted with Corporal Carl A. Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mills, who has been fighting the French at Algiers and the Germans in Tunisia and came through unscathed.

The sickle dame did an about-face and pushed him into a crevice high in the Atlas Mountains one dark August night, long after the shooting in North Africa had ended. The fall broke his right leg in two places, put him in the hospital for a month, and sent him back to the States last September.

After he got around now despite a stiff leg, Corporal Mills recently reported to the Infantry School's 1st Student Training Regiment and was assigned to the 26th Company, commanded by Captain Dale K. Johnson.

At the head of a 60-mm. mortar squad, Corporal Mills splashed ashore the night of November 8, 1942, in the face of the French. He landed in North Africa, the 18th Infantry of the 34th Division, formed part of the assault wave in the first American invasion of North Africa.

**TARGET OF SNIPERS**  
They scrambled up the beach and into town with negligible casualties, although French resistance continued fairly strong the first three days of street fighting.

From Algiers, Mills' outfit crossed the North African desert to join the Anglo-American forces pushing the Germans out of Tunisia. He led his mortar squad at Souda, Gafsa and Sbeitla. He fought against the Afrika Korps for eight days at Fondouk-Pichon pass, and lobbed 60-mm. shells to help break up a counterattack on Hill 60 near Mateur.

His luck held even during the

Who in this world of ours  
In March first open shall be  
wise—Anonymous.

How deeply seated in the human heart is the liking for gardens and gardening—Alexander Smith (1834-77).  
I do not know if little dogs cause as large griefs when they die as big ones—du Maurier.

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**COL. EDWIN COX**, commander of the 176th Infantry of The Infantry School, congratulates Sgt. William C. Yalenty on the latter's award of the soldier's medal for saving the lives of two soldiers. In the background can be seen the American flag along with the Regimental Colors and streamers. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

## Yalenty, Spirit Gridder, Awarded Soldier's Medal

Sgt. William C. Yalenty, a second-string lineman on the 176th Infantry's championship football squad last fall, has been awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism according to an announcement made this week by headquarters of the Infantry School. The ex-gridder is a member of Headquarters Co., 3d Battalion of the Spirit Regiment.

At a rehearsal for the demonstration, "Attack of a River Line," when an assault boat containing members of his company sank, Sgt. Yalenty, at the risk of his life, leaped into the swift water of the Chattahoochee River and saved two members of his organization from drowning.

This instinctive, courageous act of Yalenty's occurred on Saturday afternoon in March.

"I am very proud," said Yalenty, "to have this honor bestowed upon me. I am prouder still that I was able to do my bit. I received my reward when I saw these two men walking around, hale and hearty."

Sgt. Yalenty is single, and was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he attended school.

Upon his graduation from Westinghouse High School, Yalenty assumed the position of "Boys Club Leader," and summer camp worker. He held these jobs until his induction on March 13, 1942.

## Paratroop Superman Stuff Debunked

The boss called us into the office and gave us a rather interesting assignment. "Go up with a couple of plane loads of students making their first jump. Watch their reactions, their body positions, and write a yarn on it. Lay off this 'man-from-Mars-superman' idea and just write what you actually see," he said.

Take off time was scheduled for 1330. It had been raining intermittently all morning and there was some doubt as to whether there would be any jumping at all. But shortly after 1300, the C-47's rolled out to the "line" and the students were slipping into their chutes outside of the "sweat shed."

No. 80, "The Ruptured Duck," was the first to take off. Besides the pilot, co-pilot, and crew chief, he carried a cargo of 28 paratroopers. Two jumpmasters, two other "D" Stage instructors, who were jumping "gunny," Second Lieutenant Frank Whitaker of Sherman, Texas, "D" Stage Leader, 20 students, and this reporter.

After the 20 students were seated and had fastened their safety belts, Sergeant Steve Sieradski of Muskogee, Mich., addressed them. His words were few and well chosen.

"You are making your first parachute jump today. We'll jump in Alabama and after you land you'll assemble on the truck waiting below. We're jumping from an altitude of 1,200 feet and each man will stand in the door and 'go' on the individual command. Are there any questions?"

Nobody said a word. Sieradski looked at the other jumpmaster, Sergeant Billy Coyne of Philadelphia, Pa., then turned to the students as the big plane rolled down the runway.

**EVERYBODY JUMPS**  
"Is everybody going to jump?" he belted.

A chorus of voices answered in the affirmative as the plane soared skyward. We unhooked our safety belts and "Technical" Sergeant James Vasche of Bellevue, Kentucky, Section Chief of "D" Stage stood up in the doorway. Right behind him was Staff Sergeant Edward Minnie of West Norwalk, Connecticut.

"Vasche will jump first. Minnie will wait ten seconds and then follow him out. Thus simulating an actual mass jump of 12 men. They're testing the accuracy of our wind drift calculations and the men on the ground will make adjustments necessary by using

GREEN LIGHT GIVEN  
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"Green light, Steve," he shouted. "Once more we can run over the faces of the students. The gum chewing was still going on. Some were still talking lightly. The same one or two had that 'go-odie' expression on their faces. But most of 'em looked like soldiers going through just another day's work in the army."

"Go!" yelled Sieradski. Eleven more times he repeated himself as eleven students felt that rush of air that comes to a paratrooper as he steps out of the doorway of a speeding plane for the first time. We watched the body positions. No. Vasche or time, we told ourselves. Give 'em time and they'll get it down to a science someday.

We circled the field and let another stick out and then landed.

Not satisfied with touching Terra Firma we made for another plane where Jumpmaster Sergeant Joe Dickson of Camden, New Jersey, and Ed Farina of Clifton, New Jersey, were going through the same routine with 23 more rookies.

**NO SUPERMAN**  
We seated ourselves next to the baby-faced lad who volunteered the information that he was Wilmer Durham of Urala, Louisiana. Wilmer looked to us to be about 16 and we told him so.

"Heck no," he answered, "I'm 18."

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"How do you feel about jumping?" we asked him.

"Kinda nervous," confessed the youngster.

"How about you?" we said turning to Diaz.

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They both jumped and jumped well. For their first jump they had exceptionally good body position. They'll jump again. In fact, by the time you read this they'll be qualified paratroopers, along with the rest of the men in that same plane. They're not supermen. Just a 19-year-old kid from Louisiana, who admits he was "kinda nervous," and an 18-year-old lad from Florida, who couldn't afford to be nervous because he was the number one man in the stick. There are thousands like 'em, and there'll be thousands more to come. They're trained to do a job, and they're doing it. All it required is a bit of mental determination and a rugged constitution. Just as the bombardier, the engineer, the company clerk, and the artilleryman, have their jobs, these men have theirs. It's all one Army 'know.

## All Is Harmony in Supply Room With Rundus as Star

All is harmony in the supply room of G Company, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School. Sgt. Rudy R. Rundus is a baseball player. Pfc. Stephen Iacoco, his assistant, is a baseball fan.

"I never miss a ball game," Iacoco explained. "I always bet on Rundus to win." Since Rundus pitched ten wins and had only two losses for the Prots last year, all is harmony in the G Company supply room.

**LOST THIS TIME**  
"Remember that first series game against the Spirits last September?" Iacoco asks. "Well, I start at headquarters, studying lost ten bucks betting on Rundus. But, you can see that harmony still reigns. I got more than ten times ten bucks betting on him in other games."

Iacoco isn't the only ball fan around here. Other parts who will put his money on Rundus when the chips are down. The tall, gangling 23-year-old athlete, who is from the Brooklyn Dodgers, Joe Rundus, traveled from his family's farm in Belleville, Kansas, to the Cardinal tryout camp in New York.

He has been assured of a job ever since. When he was asked his occupation at the reception center in September, 1942, he answered "ball player," and ball player it will be after the war.

**GETS START**  
Once started with the Monnet, Mo., team which was in the cellar of the Arkansas-Missouri league, and although he didn't get it off rockbottom, he did get enough experience to play for

Minie and Vasche as yardsticks. The green light on the panel board flashed as the plane slowed down.

"You're on your own," said Sieradski to Vasche and Minnie. We stood just to the right of the door in order to observe both Vasche and Minnie as they went out. As the panel aligned below came into view Vasche made a perfect exit. We watched his chute blossom and seconds later Minnie followed. This was parading by experts. This was an example of two perfect jumps.

As the plane circled the field, Sieradski shouted for the stick to get ready. Then the second command "stand up," followed by the third, "hook up."

One or two had blank looks, but the others were either smiling, or chewing gum or adjusting their equipment. They reminded us of subway straphangers as they held onto their static lines.

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Don't talk about holidays to Private Rollo Vest, of Camp Stewart, Georgia. Last Thanksgiving he was ordered to take his preliminary Army physical exam. On Christmas Day a m.o.n.g. many greeting cards, he received his "Greetings" from the President. On New Year's Day he was inducted on Valentine's Day he was ordered to active duty. Everything rolled along nicely until his birthday, March 11, when he went to the hospital with the grippe. Next time I see a holiday card, "Private Vest declares, 'I'm going to dive for the nearest foxhole.'"

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## Long Drawn-Out Struggle Ahead for U. S.—Arnall

Asserting that he does not share the optimism of numerous "war observers" that the war is nearing its close, Governor Ellis Arnall, of Georgia, told more than 5,000 civilian employees and military personnel of Fort Benning that he looks for a long drawn-out struggle and that more and more sacrifice on our part will be necessary to bring final and ultimate victory.

The Governor was the principal speaker Monday afternoon at ceremonies during which Brigadier General Sidney Erickson, Chief of Staff, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, presented the Treasury Department's Minute Man Flag to the civilian employees for their participation in war bond purchasing through the pay reservation plan.

"It is an inspiration to me to come here and see men and women identifying themselves with the war and who have cooperated on the home front."

Governor Arnall lauded the civilians for their participation in the War Bond program at Fort Benning. He reminded them that 97 per cent of the civilian employees are investing more than 10 per cent of their income in the purchase of War Bonds.

Brig. Gen. Sidney Erickson, Chief of Staff, Fourth Service Command in Atlanta, presented the blue and white Treasury Department flag to Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Commanding General of Fort Benning, who in turn gave it to Harry F. Neahr, civilian representative of the employees at Benning.

**PATRIOTISM LAUDED**  
Gen. Erickson praised the civilians for their patriotic effort at the post, both by working in jobs closely allied with the war effort and for lending their money to the government for the prosecution of the war.

During the ceremony in Doughboy Stadium, Gen. Hobson presented an Emblem for Exceptional Civilian Service to Ray S. Miller, civilian armament foreman at Fort Benning's Post Ordnance Shop, the thirteenth such award to be made in the country.

Gen. Hobson presented the award at the direction of Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War. Mr. Miller won the coveted award for having assisted in the design and perfection of the launcher for grenades from the Garand M-1 rifle.

Governor Arnall and Mrs. Arnall were guests of honor at a luncheon at the Officers' club on the main post at noon Monday. After the lunch, the official party made a tour of The Parachute School, the Infantry School, and Lawson Field.

Completing the tour of the post the party went to Doughboy Stadium to participate in the program which was arranged to honor the civilian employees.

**INFLATION PERIL**  
Gov. Arnall urged all to "fight vigorously against inflation on our home front. We cannot allow it to get out of hand and out of control."

The governor pointed out that, "we on the home front have a responsibility to the boys in service."

He urged all to participate generously in the purchase of war bonds since, "we can do much to preserve the economy on the home front in this manner."

In urging the purchase of war bonds, Gov. Arnall pointed out that in that manner citizens are providing money to secure ammunition for the fighting forces on the far flung world battle fronts.

"We cannot all go and fight," Gov. Arnall declared, "but we can uphold the morale of the boys who are overseas. When the boys come home it must be to find our nation continues as a nation of inalienable rights—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You civilians here, by having purchased bonds, showed all the world that whatever your jobs are, you're doing them well."

Governor Arnall as chief executive of the state of Georgia declared that in the name of his constituents he was privileged to welcome to this state servicemen and women representing all of the states of the Union.

**GREATER UNITY**  
"Young men from all of the 48 states are coming to Georgia for training and they are meeting our beautiful Georgia girls and marrying them," the Governor said. "When this war is over, I look for another influx of these young people into this state, and we shall welcome them just as warmly as we do now."

He said that one of the benefits of mass migration of young men to military establishments around the country will be the creation of a unity never before known in the history of this country.

At the conclusion of the address, which was broadcast over Columbus radio station, WRBL, a battalion of troops from the Infantry School passed in review before the honored guests and civilian employees.

Civilians at the ceremony are employed at Benning by the three branches of the Army, the Air Force, the Army Ground Force, and the Army Service Forces.

On the speakers' platform at Doughboy Stadium, participating in the ceremony, were ranking Benning officers, including Maj. General H. Bonestedt, commander of the Infantry School; Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, assistant commander of the Infantry School; Brig. Gen. Henry Perrine, commanding general of the School Troops Brigade; Brig. Gen. Eric Fisher Wood; Brig. Gen. Ridgely Galt; and Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson.

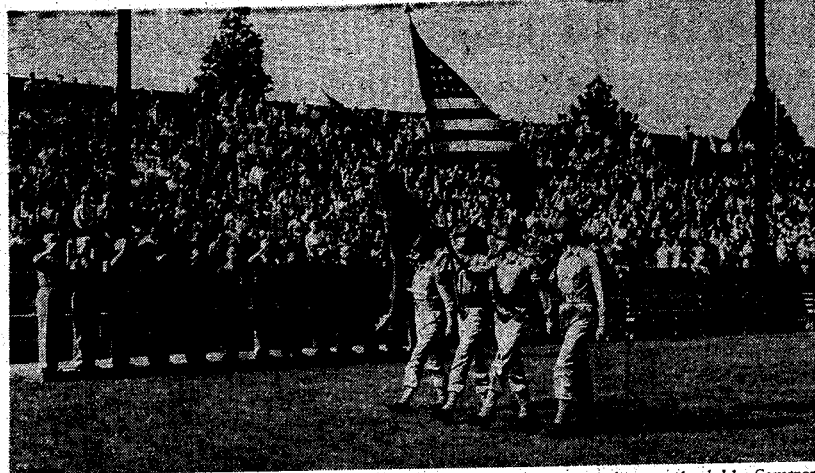
Among the speakers on the speakers' platform were Major and Mrs. Sterling Albrecht of Columbus, and representative civilian employees of the armed force branches; Mrs. Edna Snook, the Infantry School; Army Ground Force; Miss Mary E. Reynolds, post headquarters, Army Service Forces; C. A. Parker, Lawson Field, Army Air Forces; and Miss Mattie Kate Bagley, the Parachute School, Army Ground Force.

**Believetornot, 'Ham' Got It**  
A WAC Sergeant friend of Pfc. Herman H. Uhlenhake of Company F of the 176th Infantry of the Infantry School had some trouble remembering the Pfc's name. And she wanted to write a letter to him, too.

Not to be stumped, this lovely miss addressed a letter to the boy-friend thusly: TO HAM, Care General Delivery, 176th Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga.

Somehow or other, Pfc. Herman H. Uhlenhake received the message, and subsequent letters, too!

At Camp Forrest, Tennessee, is a soldier dance band so elaborate that it has a special section which tears off the swing numbers. It calls itself "The Wrecking Crew."



**HATS OFF, THE FLAG IS PASSING BY!**—Several thousand civilians and servicemen and women, headed by Governor Ellis Arnall, of Georgia (fifth from left), and high-ranking military officials of the Fourth Service Command and Fort Benning, salute the Colors during a review tendered civilian employees of the post during presentation ceremonies of the Treasury Department's Minute Man War Bond Flag last Monday in Doughboy Stadium. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo)



**GOVERNOR ARNALL PRAISES BENNING CIVILIANS IN 'T' DAY ADDRESS**

## Major Byrne Is Lt. Colonel

Promotion of Maj. Paul C. Byrne, executive officer of The Infantry School's Third Student Training Regiment, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel was announced at regimental headquarters this week. Colonel Byrne, a veteran of overseas service in this war, has been assigned to the regiment since early last fall.

A native of Nebraska, Colonel Byrne attended the state university where he studied law and was active in the Pershing Rifles military fraternity. He headed the westward call, however, and went to California as a youth and now calls the city of San Marino in that state his home.

Most of Colonel Byrne's business life has been spent in banking. For a number of years he was a bank examiner and shortly before entering upon his active Army service, he was assistant

manager of a Los Angeles branch of the Bank of America.

Colonel Byrne can point to an association with military life of more than 20 years. He joined the National Guard in 1922 as an enlisted man, winning a National Guard commission as a second lieutenant in 1927. He had achieved captain's rank when his unit was inducted into federal service March 1, 1941.

The colonel spent a year overseas with the 40th Division and was promoted to major Feb. 1, 1942. His first assignment while

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## Sgt Damiani One of 5 Bros. In Armed Forces

S. Sgt. John B. Damiani of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion of the 176th Infantry of The Infantry School, is one of five brothers in the service. "Four of us are in

holding this rank was as regimental supply officer. He was commanding a battalion when orders came through transferring him back to this country and to The Infantry School, to which he reported Aug. 31 last. The following Sept. 15 he came to the Third Student Training Regiment as executive officer of the Fourth Battalion and was appointed regimental executive officer Oct. 25.

the Army, and the fifth is in the Navy," said John. "My brother, Sam, is a technical sergeant in Drew Field, Fla.; Antoine is a staff sergeant in Ft. Story, Va.; Andre is a corporal in Ft. Jackson, S. C.; and James is a seaman second class in San Diego, Calif. My two sisters are married to servicemen," continued Damiani. "I guess we sort of have a large stake in this war!"

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## Army Pigeons On Top Again

Capturing the first four places for the third consecutive week, homing pigeons of the Signal Corps at Fort Benning defeated feathered members of the Columbus Homing Pigeon Club Sunday at a 175-mile race from Waycross, Georgia.

Ninety-three birds competed to the long distance race. They were liberated in Waycross at 6 a. m. CWT, and the winner, a white-tail hen from the Benning lofts reached home at 10:13 a. m. CWT.

The winner, from the Zephyr Loft, averaged 1200 yards per minute. It was the first victory for Corp. Ray Sims, the pigeoneer in charge of the Zephyr Loft. Previously, his star entry had finished sixth one week and second the next, both times in 100-mile races from Tifton, Georgia.

Birds from the Benning Victory Loft garnered second and third places on Sunday while the N. L. B. Loft grabbed fourth place. Winners, Bob Almond of Columbus clocked in the first civilian bird for fifth place, and the Benning rivals also had the next four spots.

## Russ Pool to Open Saturday, May 6

Russ Swimming Pool for enlisted personnel will open officially on Saturday, May 6, it was announced this week by Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post athletic officer and head of the Fort Benning Athletic Association which operates the huge lake-like pool near Outpost No. 1 on the main post. Work details are now busily engaged in cleaning the pool and brightening it up for the Summer's activities.

Sgt. Herman J. Belgrade, the non-com in charge of the Harmony Church Sports Arena during the Winter months, has been appointed chief life guard for the 1944 season.

Hours that the pool will remain open and rules and regulations regarding its use will be announced in next week's edition of The Bayonet.

**NEW YORK.**—When German shells start plastering the surrounding countryside, your best bet is to head for an Italian house, according to Sgt. Newton H. Fulbright, on the Cassino front. Sgt. Fulbright should know. After undergoing a severe shelling inside one of the solid stone buildings, he described his experience for YANK, The Army Weekly. His story appears in YANK's May 5 issue, which hits PX stands Friday, April 28.

**NEW YORK.**—GIs from New Orleans will want extra copies of

## Battle-Tried Men Are In 1st STR Unit

Eight student officers attending the latest Officers Advanced Course in the 2nd Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, have seen action on nearly every fighting front of World War II.

They are 1st Lieutenant Bradford L. Boynton, Center Conway, N. H.; 1st Lt. Captain James E. Grantham, Rock Mountain, N. C.; Hawaii and Guadalcanal; Captain Harold L. Kelley, Portland, Ore.; 1st Lt. Captain Wolt O. Knowles, Spokane, Wash.; Hawaii.

First Lieutenant Robert L. Michelson, Colfax, Wash.; Alenians; Captain Roosevelt T. Plummer, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Casablanca; Major Charles W. Sample, Columbus, Georgia; North Africa, Sicily and Italy; and Captain Donald D. Diaz, Makin Island.

**105 mm CANNON AIBED**  
Another program in The Infantry School's "Thirteen Weapons of War" series will be presented Friday night over radio station WSB, Atlanta, at 11:30 p. m. EWT. This series is part of the program "Salute to the Services." The weapon described and dramatized this week will be the 105 mm. cannon.

The strength of a nation lies in its friendships as much as in its armies.

YANK's May 5 issue to send home to the folks, since it is featuring an article on that city and how it has been changed or effected by the war. The May 5 issue of YANK will arrive at the PX Friday, Apr. 28.

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# Col. Miller Decorated For TIS Expansion Role

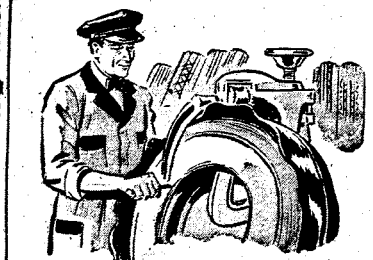


The Legion of Merit has been awarded to Col. Robert S. Miller, now serving overseas, for the part he played in developing The Infantry School from its small peace-time enrollment to its enormous wartime peak. The announcement of the award was made yesterday in Washington.

Colonel Miller served the School as the Director of Training until a few months ago when he was given a new and important assignment. The citation accompanying the award reads in part: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service at The Infantry School from December 24, 1941 to January 11, 1944. As Director of Training in charge of organizing and developing the instructional services of The Infantry School from a small peacetime enrollment to its enormous wartime peak, he because of his unusual knowledge of the principles of military instruction and his splendid talent for organization, was instrumental in maintaining an efficient and constantly improving organization through the difficult period of expansion and change, and thereby made a vital contribution toward the training of combat leaders for Infantry units. Not only was he gifted with an extraordinary grasp and understanding of the underlying principles of leadership, but also, in his constant and tireless efforts to impart these principles to others, he displayed unusual competence and efficiency. His singular fidelity and inspiring devotion to duty mark as conspicuous his performance in the training of combat leaders."

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## An Army Wife Shops in Columbus

By Phyllis

Perhaps your husband has been complaining of late how hot and uncomfortable his silk pajamas feel now that hot weather has arrived. Silk pajamas are fine for winter, but the warm summer night the most suitable outfit is made of lightweight wash cottons. The main floor of **MONTGOMERY WARD COMPANY** is well stocked with the pajamas of all colors and sizes ranging from A to D. These slips or coat style pajamas are made of ripple-cloth (similar to remittance) and light, but durable rayon acetate materials. The new style jackets, sons collar and lapels, help keep the cooler. Col. and Col. pajamas have long or short sleeves and afford a wide selection of stripes, prints and paisley patterns. Perhaps an old fashioned cotton night shirt is what your husband wants on his night's visit with Morpheus. They're really not as old fashioned as one might think. They are loose and comfy without resembling a circus tent. Husbands or father or sons will all approve this particularly reasonably priced assortment offered by Montgomery Ward's.

yet another shop stamp may be used. V-V-V-V. Noticed and welcomed by all is the change of military personnel to regulation light tan summer uniforms. Not only is it universally becoming (but, you guessed it!) it is a shade especially suitable for wear when "smooth" photographic results are desired. The well-known **AIME DUPONT STUDIO**, 1219 Broadway, keeping all in mind it would seem now might be the appropriate time to have photographs taken to send to your loved ones wherever they may be. Letters help quite a bit when families are separated, but a photograph is the next best thing to being home in person. There is no need to wait until a holiday or birthday prompts a sitting. In fact sending home a reliable likeness when it's least expected shows loved ones they're really in your thoughts every single moment. Whether you are Officer, WAC, Enlisted Man, Army Wife, or Army Nurse, having your photo taken your first opportunity moment will result in a display of especially fine workmanship to be cherished for years by dear ones.

Every day should be Mother's Day, but since just ONE day has been designated, make the most of it. The countless gifts at the **J. A. KIRVEN COMPANY** will help make your Mother as pleased as you on this May 14th. Well-designed handbags of fine leathers or attractive fabrics are both useful and low priced. Exciting perfumes or colognes are always especially suitable, whether it's just a tiny dream or a good sized bottle. Dainty linen hankies, unusual jewelry, hosiery, lingerie, smart stationery, and other articles too numerous to mention, are offered by Kirven's to help your Mother remember just how fondly you do think of her, even though you may be hundreds of miles apart. I suggest, and Kirven's does too, that you take our first free method of training and wander throughout this up-to-the-minute department store and choose your Mother's Day gifts while you'll have a large selection.



**A MILLION AND A HALF MILES WITHOUT AN ACCIDENT** — That's the record of Cpl. Edward P. Smithwick, a student in the Infantry School's Enlisted Motor School. The record was hung up over a period of 12 years during which he received state and national awards for safe driving as well as a commendation from President Roosevelt. In civilian life, he was a truck driver in Michigan. When he finishes his course, he'll return to the 70th Division where he is on duty as a corporal-truckmaster. Since his induction into the Army, he has driven every type of motor vehicle — without an accident. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

## Safest Truck Driver In U. S. In TIS Course

America's safest truck driver is attending The Infantry School's Enlisted Motor Course. He is Corporal Edward P. Smithwick, winner of state and national safety awards, and now a member of a motor maintenance class in the 20th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, Infantry School. Smithwick and his wife, the former Miss Helen Heckel of Kansas City, Missouri, make their permanent home in that city at 49-42 Holly avenue.

Having driven more than one million miles in 12 years without an accident, he was awarded the Michigan Trucking Association's medal in 1928. A year later, when his speedometer had ticked off 1,250,000 safe miles, the National Safety Council pinned its Safest Interstate Driver medal on "his chest."

## 700 AA Officers in TIS Do Well as Infantrymen

More than 700 former anti-aircraft officers in Colonel Robert H. Zorn's 1st Student Training Regiment are making a speedy change — over to Infantry as students in the Special Basic Course of The Infantry School. Now mastering the rifle and automatic rifle, basic infantry arms, they expect to do even better on anti-tank weapons, which resemble somewhat the ack-ack guns they knew.

Ninety per cent of the 3rd Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, marksmanship. Twenty-one students fired expert scores and 75 made sharpshooters.

For first place with scores of 188 were Second Lieutenants Carl Jensen, Stanley K. Siegenthaler, and James M. Spinks. High sharpshooters in the class were Second Lieutenants Melvin J. McKenly and Laurence A. Spence, with scores of 179.

The ease with which the first STR's 10th Company, picked up nomenclature of anti-tank weapons was evidenced by their almost complete familiarity with 37- and 47-millimeter guns after only four hours' instruction on each.

Expert shooting is expected from these officers when they go to the BARR for the first time, as previous experience firing both 80- and 40-millimeter AA guns against mechanized targets at ranges of 1,000 yards.

## Lutheran Service Center Provides Little Bit of Home

"A little more like home," is the recently joined by the Rev. Otto D. Meyer, of Kansas City, Mo. Together they act as hosts for all visitors, and as advisors or chaplains if so requested.

Since there is no Lutheran chapel in the post, Rev. Meyer and Rev. Meyer are frequently invited to perform services for Lutherans at Benning. Lutherans in the hospital have frequently expressed the desire to take communion in their own faith, and one of the Center pastors has always been available

While some centers are open only evenings or only in week ends, the Lutheran Center is open all day, a unique service made possible by the fact that the Lutheran Church of America has sent two full-time pastors to Columbus to operate one of the 67 centers maintained near military installations throughout the country.

**CIVILIAN CHAPLAINS** — The Rev. Alfred G. Raush left his congregation in Radlitz, almost three years ago to establish the Columbus Center. He has since been joined by the Rev. Otto D. Meyer, of Kansas City, Mo. Together they act as hosts for all visitors, and as advisors or chaplains if so requested.

During 1924-27, he served in the Hawaiian Department. He came to The Infantry School in 1928 as an instructor and was assigned as Director of Training three years later. Late in 1942 and in early 1943, he was in Africa as an observer for the Army Ground Forces. En route to Africa with an Allied force, his transport was torpedoed and sunk. Arriving in Africa, he and his wife, Mrs. Raush, were taken to the British methods of training and was later attached to the staff of the Commanding General of the Allied African Force, seeing service in Algeria and Tunisia. The colonel was born in Wooster, Ohio.

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## 542 PchI CO Is Lt. Colonel

Major Arthur M. Henderson, commanding officer of the 542nd Parachute Infantry Battalion, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Henderson enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 16, and was assigned to the 7th Infantry, serving in that organization in Alaska for three years. After his soldiering in Alaska was completed, he joined the Medical Department and served in this capacity for seven and one-half years. While in this work (1934) he was commissioned second lieutenant in the regular army. In 1935 he graduated from the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks where he taught on the staff for many months.

In December 1943 he graduated from the Battalion Command and Staff Officers Course at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. In March of the same year he came to The Parachute School where he qualified as a parachute instructor.

## OC Spent Time Punching Nazi Noses No End

Officer Candidate Gerhard Czermer, of the 14th Company, Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School is one naturalized American whose fists have more than once spoken louder than words of denunciation against the Nazis. Born of Russian-German parentage, Czermer lived in Germany and spent much time in Czechoslovakia.

When Germany's young pseudo-supermen started demonstrating their racial superiority by prevailing on small and defenseless minorities, Czermer was not content to accept the bullying. In 1938, he joined a group opposing the Sudeten movement in Czechoslovakia and spent the summer

for this and other services for 2 1/2 years in town. **SERVICES RENDERED** — The Center itself consists of a large recreation and reading room and a private office. While some soldiers sing around the piano, reading, playing ping-pong, or other games in the main room, other GIs take their problems into the pastor's study. Since the Center is open all day, many soldiers arrange to meet their guests there. The Center orders thousands of letters and envelopes each year to satisfy the needs of men who come there to write letters.

So broad are the religious services performed by the Center that soldiers of any denomination can get information there about pastors of their own faith; consultations have frequently been arranged between ministers of other churches and soldiers who have requested religious information at the Center. Worship services for Lutheran soldiers are held each Sunday evening.

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## Spirits Awarded Infantryman Expert Badge

A total of 280 men of the 176th Infantry of The Infantry School have thus far qualified as expert infantrymen in the current tests to determine which men shall be entitled to wear the new Expert Infantryman Badge, it was announced today by The Infantry School.

The men, to qualify, had to complete all phases of regimental training and pass final examinations given by a board of officers appointed by Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonsteel, commandant of The Infantry School. The board tested each man's personal appearance and knowledge of scouting, patrolling, individual camouflage, first aid, field sanitation, military discipline and courtesy, and the use of the bayonet.

Prior to appearing before the board they had to qualify in the following tests: personal appearance, weapons, transition, firing, grenade throwing, familiarization, village and city fighting, infiltration, and physical fitness. In addition, they had to take the prescribed nine and 25-mile marches.

## ROTC Unit Actually Saw Real Action

Combat action in an ROTC unit — sounds fantastic? Such was the experience of OC Walter R. Braun, 27th Company, Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, who was a member of the University of Hawaii ROTC unit when it was activated at 7:30 a. m. on Dec. 7, 1941, to act as a territorial guard.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Braun was familiar with the island and was placed in charge of organizing the unit and selecting positions to guard such public utilities and emplacements as water reservoirs, electric substations, gas plants, and military telephone stations against sabotage.

Braun, a member of Pearl Harbor during the attack as being a "wall of fire with navy vessels blowing up and the water covered with drift pines," recalls that one of his first duties on that day was to place firing pins in the '03s which he had previously used for drill purposes.

He describes as his "closest shave" the attempted derailment of an explosives train on which he was a guard shortly after Pearl Harbor. The attempt was discovered in the nick of time, however, and the day was saved by prompt use of the automatic air brakes.

He was transferred shortly to the 8th Infantry and thereafter saw service with the 161st, 27th and 288th. Braun was operations sergeant on a battalion staff in this last unit for four months and supply sergeant for six months before coming to Fort Benning.

smashing noses and blackening Arayan blue eyes. An outstanding performer in two South German athletic associations, Czermer is a well equipped physically to deal with one or two of the so-called racially pure at a time. However, it was not long before some of Himmler's crew informed him that he would have to choose between being classified as a Russian alien or a Nazi.

Czermer and his father thereupon applied to the American Consulate for protection and in 1938, they departed from Germany for the United States. In America, Czermer continued his athletic exploits, with the aid of a friend, a Princeton graduate, did much to help revive soccer as a popular sport both for participants and spectators. He was inducted in the Army in March, 1943, from New York City and after a year of specialized training was selected as an officer candidate.

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BY SGT. WALTER MILLER

"I've been expecting them" was the calm remark of Pvt. Thomas F. Wilson, of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, when the Company A mail clerk handed him a bundle of 220 letters at mail call the other day.

"You see," he assured the worried clerk, "this is really a year's mail all at once—ever since last April I've been hopping all over Africa, Sicily and Italy, back and forth and my mail has always been just a jump behind me. But I guess it's pretty well caught up by now."

Wilson's back correspondence—ranging from tiny V-mail letters to large, bulky packets—was

mainly from his mother, Mrs. Clara Wilson, and his young lady friend, Miss Rode Filbin, both of Russell, Ky. Piled one on another, the letters stacked up over a foot high, with postage, mostly airmail, totaling well over \$14.00 and numerous postmarks stamped all over each envelope.

**YEAR'S READING**  
"I'll still be reading them this time next year," laughed Wilson as he stuffed them into his field jacket and went back to work at the Communications Section of The Infantry School, where he is now assigned after serving overseas as a radio operator with the airborne infantry.

Wilson, who entered the service 18 months ago, got his mail regularly while taking his basics at Camp Wheeler, Ga. But in April, 1943, his glider infantry outfit sailed for Africa, and from then on the fortunes of war shoved Wilson all around the Mediterranean with the post office authorities in hot pursuit.

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PRIVATE THOMAS F. WILSON, of Russell, Ky., spent nearly a year in the European theater but didn't get much mail due to (1) his outfit was constantly on the move, and (2) he spent some time coming and going between hospitals. But it all caught up with him last week at his new station, the Academic Regiment of The Infantry School. Photo shows Private Wilson with some 220 letters that have been following him from camp to camp since April, 1943. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

## Japs' Cruel Bushido Cult Now Casts Its Shadow Over American Homes

By MAJOR ALVIN BELDEN, M. C.

Never in the history of the United States have we faced an enemy about whom our knowledge was so inaccurate and inadequate. Never before have we so underestimated the preparedness for a costly war. The trite boast that our navy was adequate protection seemed to lull us into an uncritical and unrealistic attitude towards which trained and unemotional observers knew was an inevitable national catastrophe.

And despite an utter lack of anything approaching a Western World sense of moral or ethics we have been astonished at their cruelties and barbarities. With a view towards giving a better understanding to this enigmatic and efficient enemy this series of Bayonet articles will attempt to give an insight into the national psychology and philosophy of the Japanese way of life.

In a recent article by the former ambassador to Japan, the Hon. Joseph C. Grew, he states that the reason why we in the United States know so little about Japan is that most of the books and articles were written by tourists. One feels constrained to add "tourists" often hypnotized by the scenic beauty and picturesque of Japan but usually blind to the corrosive social and psychological factors which were pushing Japan into inevitable catastrophe. Also there was a widespread attitude aimed at derogating Japanese ability and efficiency. The number of magazine articles along these lines was amazing.

In retrospect it is amusing to reread a widely noted article which appeared in the Forum and Century Oct. 1933 "Japanophobia," by Roy M. Price. This article was grabbed up by the Pacificists who later learned that Japanese money had financed their organization. The article blarneyed, like "Japan as a snarling menace to our national security, ready and anxious to pounce upon us with barbed fangs and without warning is ridiculous. Poppycock! Absurd! Our alarmists who glance fearfully across the broad Pacific at a large nation of islanders, are like a lone fighting cock, ruffling its neck feathers and brandishing its spurs at the doings of a week-old chick, industriously scratching away in the barnyard. We may need a large fleet and a bigger army. But let us not be hoodwinked by balderdash into believing that we need them for protection or aggression against Japan."

Pacificist organizations had reprints of this article sent widely across the entire United States. In retrospect the irony is cruel. **COVERED UP NOTHING**  
The situation becomes more astonishing inasmuch as the Japs have never attempted to cover up their visions of imperial conquest and a fanatical faith in their manifest destiny as rulers and overlords of Asia. In every circle of Japanese society, especially among the important ruling classes and industrialists one heard of the role of Japan in world domination. In fact they blandly informed you that some day the world would enjoy the benign rule of their Divine Mikado. In fact the late Baron Yatsunoto said "The Japanization of the West is to our contribution to the progress of the world."

It is strange that with a nation unified and energized to achieve a divine mission, we Americans do not perceive the significance of the mobilization of all national resources for the long awaited day of triumph. Yet when a well-informed traveler attempted to tell America the truth, he was derided as a jingo or a war-monger. In fact they blandly informed you that some day the world would enjoy the benign rule of their Divine Mikado. In fact the late Baron Yatsunoto said "The Japanization of the West is to our contribution to the progress of the world."

**FIRST FISH STORY OF 1944 SEASON**  
HOUGHTON, Mich. (ALNS)—A wild northern pike, recently caught by an ice fisherman, was found to have a jaw tag. Reported to the Conservation Commission, it was learned that the pike was originally caught and tagged on April 26, 1939, and released not far from where it was taken the second time. But in the somewhat less-than five years that intervened, it had gained 14 inches in length and 7 pounds 11 ounces in weight.

More honest leadership calls not only for more leaders who are honest but for more honest people who are willing to lead.

day when they bombed Pearl Harbor, the great-grandfather of Hirohito on the throne as supreme emperor. Then the nobles set about to westernize systematically their land, and along with industrial advances planned a clever, compact, national psychology, devised to achieve the most perfect national unity in the history of the world. Without it Japan's success in this war would have been impossible.

**INTERNATIONAL POKER**  
One may say that Japan has played a strange and successful game of international poker. Luck always seem to run their way. A large percentage of their adamant belief in their "divine heritage" is due to this "unrelenting luck." Of course all Americans are aware that in 1852 Commodore Perry arranged a treaty which opened the ports of Japan to trade with the western world. Since then from an industrial viewpoint, the strides were phenomenal. With rare insight the feudal lords realized that the rivalry between the feudal lords—Shoguns—must cease. Thus in 1868 the Shoguns united and placed Hirohito on the throne as supreme emperor. Then the nobles set about to westernize systematically their land, and along with industrial advances planned a clever, compact, national psychology, devised to achieve the most perfect national unity in the history of the world. Without it Japan's success in this war would have been impossible.

The first step in the achievement of a national unity was the resurrection of an ancient and indigenous religion—almost an extinct one at the time. This was Shinto or Nature worship. However, with the Japanese genius for "improvements" Shinto became a cult centering about the person of the Emperor who, according to Shinto is a direct descendant of the Sun Goddess and the Moon God. He has a divine mission and all Japanese are potential lesser gods, that is to say if they serve the divine Emperor. The Emperor has divine wisdom and surrounds himself by learned men who carry on the divine duty. Hence the supreme duty is loyalty to the state. And any citizen who derides serving the state, whether in battle or otherwise immediately enters a Shinto order of departed shades. He also escapes the trials of reincarnation. Also his spirit can return and direct the destiny of the state.

**EMPEROR WORSHIPED**  
Out of Shinto developed an elaborate system centering around Emperor worship. Now the Emperor is called "Kodo" or the Way of the Emperor. Japan is the land of the gods and the people are also of divine origin. Within them is the chance of entering lesser divinity by following a way of life which subjects individualism to the greater glory of the divinely ordered state over which a divine emperor rules. Thus the simplest Japanese is superior to any other nation as he is of divine aristocracy. And it is his duty to permeate the earth through untiring efforts, in order to make the emperor supreme lord of the world. Hence the state does not exist for the individual but the individual is an agent for achieving the divine mission of the state.

Uesgi Shinkichi said in 1919: "Shinto is the world's greatest religion. It is the divine plan of the gods. Shinto includes all others (it) may be compared to a tree while all other religions are but fertilizer. Christianity teaches a spineless faith which corrupts the best of the Japanese soul. It neglects the state and the nation and therefore is not fertilizer which would forward the way of the gods. Our great loyalty is to the emperor who is God."

Sadekichi, a leading Japanese Christian, who in a printed sermon wrote in 1938: "There is no reason why Christians should object to Emperor worship—Shinto. We must enter the Trinity and include the real four elements and essences of godhead. There are in really four elements to the godhead and we should put the emperor first. Then follow the three other persons whom we believe in and love but cannot perceive. Father, Son and Holy Ghost. But the beloved Emperor Hirohito is the visible Word made flesh. He should be honored since he is doing so much for his children, the Japanese."

Amazingly the sermon did not bring about criticism on part of Japanese Christians. However, in a non-Christian Japanese said "Our Emperor has been insulted by being placed among the many friends. Thus in official history the garden flowers will be supplied again by the Garden Group of the club. New officers for the following year will be announced at the meeting. Music will be by the 17th Infantry Orchestra."

From the foregoing do not get the notion that the emperor is an actual ruler. He rules less than Victor Emmanuel did under Mussolini. The emperor is a mere puppet who signs what is set before him. There is nothing in Japan which even approximates parliamentary government. The great majority of the Japanese are illiterate. The emperor signs the decrees it is the way of the gods and divinely tolerated. It has brought little confusion and amazing unity.

There is an old Japanese legend that one day the sun goddess, during her pregnancy mounted a tiger and took a ride. The tiger began riding wildly, whereupon the sun goddess entreated him to stop. But the tiger grew impatient that a goddess should show fear and suddenly developed the ability to speak. The tiger told the sun goddess, "one who rides a tiger can never dismount. This is the message to your son. A tiger came to a stand still and the sun goddess well remembered the wise words of the tiger. In Japan you tell this story. It is similar to Bismarck's statement, 'Germany was born on the sword and by the sword alone must stand.'"

great admiration arose from the book. Dr. Nitobe's Quaker misstatement of the cult of Bushido was quite untruthful and startling but it went well abroad. Its immediate usefulness was to provide a thick covering of wool for the eyes of Theodore Roosevelt. The redoubtable T. R., championed Japan's cause most ardently at the peace conference which terminated the Russo-Japanese War. T. R. took up jiu-jitsu and passed out copies of Nitobe's dishonest book to his many friends. Thus in official history the garden flowers will be supplied again by the Garden Group of the club. New officers for the following year will be announced at the meeting. Music will be by the 17th Infantry Orchestra.

Washington there were foundations of a pro-Japanese cult that saw nothing but the bloom of verdant cherry blossoms along the idyllic basin until the dreadful duplicity of Pearl Harbor awakened apathetic America from her wishful dream of peace. The rejuvenated Bushido—not Nitobe's false version—became a religion for the youth of Japan. For all its false ethical pretensions Bushido is a gospel of respect, honesty, harshness, uncharity, and direct action without regard for moral principles and the rules of the games as played by respectable civilized nations. In Japan when you mention the Nitobe version you meet with guffaws. The darkness which shall shroud many American homes can be traced to the primitive cult.

(To be continued next week)

## Annual May Day Breakfast To End Woman's Club Year

The traditional annual "May Day" breakfast will complete the year's events for the Fort Benning Woman's Club, with the meeting set for 1 p. m. EWT, in the Main Lounge of the Officers' Club. Always a feature of the "breakfast" which was instituted in the first year of the organization's history, the garden flowers will be supplied again by the Garden Group of the club. New officers for the following year will be announced at the meeting. Music will be by the 17th Infantry Orchestra.

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